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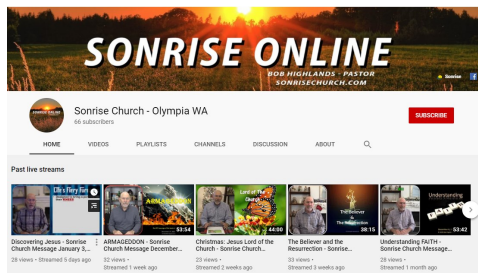
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DATE	EVENT	TIME
9-16-23 SAT	Women's Bible Study at Church	10 a.m.
9-24-23 SUN	ROUND-UP Sunday & Pot Luck after church Sonrise Church 40th Anniversary 1983-2023	10 a.m.
10-13-23 FRI	BINGO & TACO BAR	5:30-7:30 p.m.

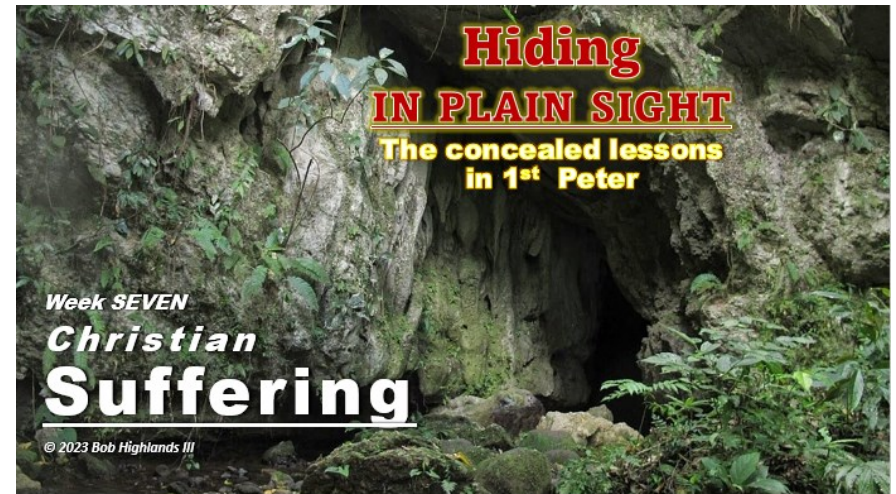
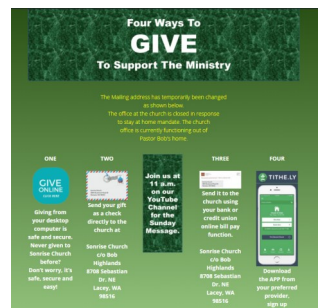


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VARIOUS TRIALS we face

- ♦ 1 Peter 1.6-7 sets the stage and helps us see our daily lives as _____ that we are serving the living God.
- ♦ These _____ happen for a little while. Vs. 6
- ♦ These _____ be necessary for our growth. Vs. 6
- ♦ These _____ test the genuineness of our faith. Vs. 7
- ♦ The _____ are praise, glory, honor and a clearer understanding or vision of Jesus. Vs. 7
- ♦ Trials are _____ to purify our faith. To remove what is not needed or hindering our confidence to live for Jesus.

SUFFERING a perspective of life

- ♦ “**All** _____ is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass _____ , **flower** _____ ,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.” 1 Peter 24-25a (Isaiah 40.6-8)
- ♦ Some of life is about _____. When the flesh withers it can also be very painful, or at least very uncomfortable.
- ♦ We may _____ the end through diet, exercise, and a relationship with God, but the end is and will come for us all.

SUFFERING as a believer

- ♦ 1 Peter 2.19-20 There are two types of suffering in the world.
- ♦ ONE: You may suffer for doing what is _____ . (vs.19)
 - ♦ Suffering unjustly (vs. 19) is a gracious thing.
- ♦ TWO: You may suffer for doing what is _____ . (vs. 20)
 - ♦ Sin may lead to suffering. (vs. 20)

SUFFERING Christ example

- ♦ 1 Peter 2.22-23 Jesus set the _____
 - ♦ Jesus suffered for _____. (vs. 21)
 - ♦ He did not _____ or deceive anyone. (vs. 22)
 - ♦ He did not _____ evil for evil. (vs.23)
 - ♦ He _____ us how to trust God in Suffering. (vs. 23)

Bonus study 1st Peter—Week SEVEN

Consider suffering in the following scriptures and how it impacted the spiritual life of the individual.

♦ **Monday**

- ♦ 2 Corinthians 11.22-29 Consider Paul and all that happened to him. How did his suffering make him a stronger believer? What did suffering teach him?

♦ **Tuesday**

- ♦ Genesis 50.15-21 Key verse 20. Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers. While a slave he was falsely accused, sent to prison for years. With the vision of God he was released and was able to bring his family to Egypt. Here where he could finally get his revenge what had Joseph learned in his suffering?

♦ **Wednesday**

- ♦ 1 Thessalonians 5.5-10 How are the believers at Thessalonica suffering? How does God deal with those who make them suffer? What does God do about the believers suffering?

♦ **Thursday**

- ♦ Hebrews 2.9-10 Why did Jesus suffer? Why was His suffering necessary?

♦ **Friday**

- ♦ Romans 5.1-5 How should believers respond to suffering? What positives can come from believers suffering?

♦ **Bonus question DIGGING DEEPER**

- ♦ 1 Peter 5.10 list how God will restore and help you. List the qualities and write beside each one what it means to you for God to help do this in your life.

SUFFERING according to God's will

- ♦ 1 Peter 4.19 *Therefore let those who suffer according to _____ entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.*
- ♦ _____ in God's* plan no matter what is happening.
- ♦ _____ God to guide and protect you.
- ♦ _____ God and continue to do Good.



SUFFERING the promise

- ♦ 1 Peter 5.10 *And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*
- ♦ Suffering is _____ .
- ♦ You serve the God of _____ .
 - ♦ Colossians 1.11 being strengthened with all _____ , according to his glorious _____ , for all _____ and _____ with _____ ;
- ♦ You are called to _____ in the glory of Christ.
- ♦ God will never forget you.
 - ♦ He will restore, confirm, strengthen, and _____ you.



- ♦ 1 Peter 2.24 Jesus set the _____
 - ♦ He _____ my sins in His body. (vs.24)
 - ♦ Our sins are raised or lifted and made visible so they can be _____ with.
 - ♦ He died for my sins. (vs. 24)
 - ♦ This makes it possible for me to _____ to sin. (vs. 24)
 - ♦ This makes living a righteous life _____ . (vs. 24)
 - ♦ His wounds (_____) are my healing (_____). (vs.24)

SUFFERING as a choice

- ♦ 1 Peter 3.17-18 Making a _____ to follow Christ.
- ♦ God makes Kingdom choices, and we are _____ to trust _____.
 - ♦ *For it is better to _____ for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.*
- ♦ Jesus set the _____ for us to follow.
 - ♦ *For Christ also _____ once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God,*



SUFFERING changes our priorities

- ♦ 1 Peter 4.1-2 _____ to follow Christ.
- ♦ *Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.*
- ♦ Suffering causes the believer to _____ on Jesus.
 - ♦ Suffering _____ human passions.
 - ♦ Suffering _____ us to seek God's will.

SUFFERING action plan

- ♦ 1 Peter 4.12-16 Suffering should not _____ you. (Vs. 12)
- ♦ Fiery trial will _____ your faith. (vs.12)
- ♦ Your _____ should reflect your _____ with God.
- ♦ _____ as you share Christ's suffering (vs. 13)
- ♦ You are _____ because you represent the name of Jesus. (vs.14)
- ♦ Do not be _____ for suffering for Jesus. (vs. 16)
- ♦ Don't suffer for sinning but _____ God when you suffer or are insulted for following Jesus. (vs. 16)

