

**Suffering is not the same as an inconvenience.
Suffering is bearing a physical or emotional pain,
loss, sorrow, setback, disappointment
or injustice.**

1. We suffer for the Gospel

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4:12-14

2. Rejoice in Suffering

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1 Peter 4:12-13a

3. Suffering unto God

**So then, those who suffer according to
God's will should commit themselves to
their faithful Creator and continue to do good.**

1 Peter 4:19