Hopeful Suffering **FXALTING C**

TOGETHER IN SEASONS OF PAIN



Oppression, Evil, and Unjust Suffering

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From First Peter, we will see six principles for believers to know in order to respond well to suffering caused by evildoers.

1. Know that you are loved.

2. Know that you are exiles.

3. Know that you will be targeted for evil, rejection, slander, and suffering.

4. Know that your response to unjust suffering matters to God.

5. Know that you were bought and saved through suffering.

6. Know that, as believers, we must not cause others to suffer by committing evil.

Questions to Consider

- 1. What are some ways that you have suffered because of evil done by other people?
- 2. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2. For what purpose(s) did Peter say that his readers were elect (or chosen)?
- **3.** Read Proverbs 1:10-15; 4:14-15; Ephesians 5:11; and Romans 13:1-4. What are some biblical principles for how God's people are to relate to evil in our society?
- **4.** Why is it crucial that you meditate on the fact that you are loved by God when you are suffering from evil caused by others?
- 5. Read John 17:14-16 and 1 John 2:15-17. In practical terms, what does it mean for you to live as a stranger or exile in the world?
- 6. What lessons about suffering unjustly do we learn from the suffering of Jesus Christ?
- **7.** As believers in Jesus Christ, what are some practical ways that we can respond to injustice, abuse, and oppression in the world?