**I Peter 5:10-14**

 ***“Do You Hurt?”***

Introduction

1. Do you hurt?

2. I Peter 5:10-14 gives us four reminders:

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**I. OUR PROVISION IN SUFFERING 5:10a**

 ***A. The Source***

**1.** *The God of all grace…*God’s gracious provision. All that God has at His disposal

 is available for me.

 **2.** *Grace* is sprinkled throughout I Peter: (1:10) Our salvation is because of His

 grace. (2:3) We have tasted that the Lord is gracious, so we are not afraid of

 anything He purposes for our lives. (4:10) His grace is ‘manifold’ (many colors)

 and meets every situation of life.

 **3.** He is a *God of all grace*…There is nothing that we’ll ever need that does not find

 its source and rest in Him. Because of who He is (The Source), the supply of grace

 will never run dry. He is truly the spring of living water.

 ***B. The Sufficiency*** *All grace*

**1.** What is your inadequacy?

 **2.** *Grace…*God supplies for every situation:

 \*Are you lost without Christ, without hope? There is His saving grace.

 \*Are you broken, bereaved? There is His comforting grace.

 \*Are you weak and down cast? There is His strengthening grace.

 \*Are you unholy and feel useless? There is His grace that sanctifies.

 \*Are you faltering, failing, beaten from just living? There is His living grace.

 ***C. The Satisfaction*** *Grace* *God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense*

**1.** What is your need?

 **2.** *Come…Cast…*He is waiting for you to come to the end of yourself.

 **3.** We need to draw from His resources!

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**II. OUR PLACE IN SUFFERING 5:10b**

*Who has called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus.*

1. ***Its Determination***
2. He called us. This is not merely an invitation. It is a divine summons…a royal command which the recipient must obey.
3. *Called* is used at different times in I Peter: (1:15) He called us to holiness. (2:9) He called us from darkness to His marvelous light. (2:21) He called us to suffer. (3:9) He called us not to retaliate, but submit all things into His hands. (5:10) He calls us to His eternal glory.
4. ***Its Duration***
5. *Eternal glory* is glory that flows from that which is eternal.
6. There is so much that breaks and wears out…NOT THIS GLORY THAT IS OURS!

NOW…as I draw from His supply. His glory will shine through as a reflection of Jesus Christ.

1. In the future we will share in His glory.
2. We have been called to be partakers in all that heaven has to offer!
3. ***Its Derivation***

*Who (God) called by Christ Jesus.*

1. If we draw from God’s grace, suffering will result in glory (4:13-16).
2. The road may be difficult, but it leads to glory. We will look a bit more like Jesus.
3. All that is ours **Is a result of Christ on the cross!**
4. Do you feel sorry for yourself, disappointed in your Christianity?

LISTEN TO WHAT IS OURS:

1.) A love that cannot be fathomed.

 2.) A life that cannot die.

 3.) A righteousness that cannot be tarnished.

 4.) A peace that cannot be understood.

 5.) A rest that cannot be disturbed.

 6.) A joy that cannot be diminished.

 7.) A hope that cannot be disappointed.

 8.) A light that cannot be darkened.

 9.) A strength that cannot be defeated.

 10.) A purity that cannot be defiled.

 11.) A beauty that cannot be marred.

 12.) A resource that cannot be exhausted.

***The glory is eternal because it flows from One who is eternal!***

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**III. OUR PURPOSE IN SUFFERING 10c**

1. *After you have suffered awhile* are the first words in the original. *Awhile…*For awhile the pain may be severe, but it is little and short when compared to eternity.

We get caught up in this .001 of an inch line of time. Focus on eternity.

1. ***It Will Be Worth It All When We See Jesus!***
2. God has a purpose in pressure and pain.FOUR PURPOSES from suffering…It comes from the God of all grace:
3. ***Make Us Sound*** *Perfect*

***\****It was a word commonly used for setting a fracture or bone out of joint.

***\****In (Mark 1:19) the word is used ‘mending a net.’

***\****It means supply that which is missing…to restore.

***\****Spiritually, God may see us as fractured or out of joint. Pressure is applied…**it**

**hurts!** God want us fit for His use!

**2*. Make Us Stable*** *Establish*

***\*****Establish* is to make us firm.

 ***\****Illus. steel is tempered by fire. During the tempering process to cry out,

 “Enough.”

 ***\****The heat is necessary if the blade is to hold an edge! God wants us to not lose our

 edge and be sharp for Him.

1. ***Make Us Strong*** *Strengthen*

***\****This is to be filled with strength…His strength.

***\****We don’t know the worth of an anchor until we are in the midst of a storm.

***\****When we hurt deeply we realize His strength and how BIG He is, but how weak we really are!

**4*. Make Us Settled*** *Settle*

***\*****Settle* means to lay a foundation (my foundation determines how settled I will be).

 ***\****Many times it is only when we have met sorrow and suffering that we are driven to

 the bedrock of our faith…Jesus Christ.

 ***\****(Rom. 5:3-5) KJV *Tribulation works, patience (endurance), patience works*

 *experience and experience hope and hope make us not ashamed.*

 *\**At these moments our foundation is tested. As we do this time and again, He

 proves Himself faithful. We gain experience (God will come through).

 Experience gives us confidence, and confidence makes us not ashamed.

 \*It’s in life’s trials that we see that which we cannot do without. We become

 either bitter or better. If this pain is filtered through the hands of a Father who

 loves us, whom we can trust and would never cause us needless pain…**then out of**

 **suffering comes those things which a life of ease could never produce.**

***Out of suffering comes those things which a life of ease could never produce.***

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**IV. OUR PRIVILEGE IN SUFFERING 11**

Peter breaks into praise:

1. ***The Power*** *To Him*
2. *To God*…To the One who is in control and knows exactly what I need.
3. **He’s God! I’m not!** This is the One Who called me!
4. ***The Praise***
5. *Be glory and dominion…To His is the might!*
6. Did you forget that God is in control? We are not here to please ourselves. We are here to please Him.
7. **It’s all about Him. It’s not about you!**
8. ***The Period*** *Forever and ever*
9. 2020…2030…2050 all the glory goes to Him.
10. We serve a God who is in control, and He does have a plan…always and forever.
11. ***Amen…Let it be so!***

***Peace be with you...in Christ Jesus!***

***Amen: “Let it be so!”***