

**SERMON MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY 16/17, 2019**

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**PILGRIM**

*Hope for the Suffering*

1 Peter 5:5-10 (p. 1036)

**FROM FEBRUARY 16/17, 2019 SERMON**  
**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS**

*Personal preparation:* Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together.

**THE KEY INGREDIENT** → Humbly acknowledge God’s plan and power to use suffering for \_\_\_\_\_ in my life.  
(Genesis 50:20)

**CONNECTING**

1. If you could have an endless supply of any food, what would you get?

**HOW?**

**BY ...**

1. Unloading our \_\_\_\_\_ on Him. (5:7)
2. Resisting our \_\_\_\_\_ about Him. (5:8)

**GROWING**

2. Discuss this statement from the message, “Hope for suffering comes to those who humbly acknowledge God’s plan and power to use suffering for something good in my life.”

**THE INSIGHT** → Stand against deception by \_\_\_\_\_  
God’s truth. (Eph. 6:17; James 4:7)

3. Review the four things we are to do when we are faced with suffering and talk about the two that are most helpful for you on your current pilgrimage.

3. Remembering our \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. (5:9)
4. Resting our \_\_\_\_\_ on Him. (5:10-11; Heb. 12:2)

**SHARING**

4. How can your group pray for you this week?

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**Pilgrim Week 7 Memory Verse**

“In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.”

1 Peter 5:10 (NLT)

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*(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)*

"For man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upward." Job 5:7

"... power is perfected in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

**THE KEY INGREDIENT:** Humbly acknowledge God's plan and power to use suffering for **something good** in my life. (Genesis 50:20)

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good;" Genesis 50:20

**HOW?**

**BY ...**

1. Unloading our **painful emotions** on Him. (5:7)

*"The divided life is a wounded life and the soul keeps calling us to heal the wound."* John Ortberg

2. Resisting our **doubtful thoughts** about Him. (5:8)

**THE INSIGHT:** Stand against deception by **knowing and applying** God's truth. (Eph. 6:17; James 4:7)

"... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17

"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7

3. Remembering our **family connection** with Him. (5:9)

*"We do not want suffering; we want success. We identify not with those who are low and hurt but with those who are high and healthy. We don't like lepers or losers very well; we prefer climbers and comers. For Christians, the temptation to be conformed to this world is desperately sweet and strong. Yet, says the apostle Paul, we are children of God if we suffer with Christ ... God does not give his hardest assignments to his weakest children."* Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

4. Resting our **troubled hearts** on Him. (5:10-11; Heb. 12:2)

"... who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2