

## 1 Peter 4:12-19

**One Point: Suffer in a Way That Produces Friction**

1. If you were a sandwich, what would you be?
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### Read v. 12-14

1. Go back and look at 1 Peter 1:6-7. Consider the fiery trial that Peter refers to; why would he tell these believers not to be surprised at their suffering?
  2. How does rejoicing in our suffering allow us to become more like Christ?
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### Read v. 15-16

1. Why does Peter tell the believers not to suffer as murderers, thieves, or evildoers, yet still encourage them to embrace suffering for Christ? What is different between those two situations?
  2. How can you personally overcome shame in your suffering?
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### Read v. 17-19

1. How should verses 17 and 18 inspire us to share Christ? How should we do it?
  2. How can “those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good”?
  3. How can your knowledge of your salvation change the way you suffer?
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## What I will be talking about

1 Peter 4: 12-19 focuses heavily on suffering in a way that is different from the world’s perspective on suffering. Through these verses, we understand why we are called to rejoice in our suffering and how that distinguishes our suffering from unbelievers. We rejoice in eternal hope and peace.