



hope in exile

# 1 PETER

A misty landscape with a large, leafless tree in the background and a path leading through a field. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a soft light source on the left side, possibly the sun or moon, creating a glow. The foreground shows a path leading through a field of tall grass or reeds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

# The Gift of Suffering

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## **1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)**

**Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.**

## **1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)**

**<sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.**

## **1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)**

**<sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?**

## **1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)**

**<sup>18</sup> And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” <sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.**

A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, overcast sky. The ground is a flat, grassy field, and the overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat somber. The image is presented in a grayscale or muted color palette, with a soft, ethereal quality.

**Suffering is not abnormal.**

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Africa

■ Rwanda

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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty field. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is covered in grass and low-lying vegetation, all shrouded in a soft, white mist that creates a sense of depth and atmosphere. The overall tone is quiet and contemplative.

# Reactions to Suffering

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## **1 Peter 4:19 (ESV)**

**<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.**

## **Matthew 5:10-12 (ESV)**

**“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”**

## **Matthew 5:10-12 (ESV)**

**<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

## **Hebrews 11:32-38 (ESV)**

**And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,**

## Hebrews 11:32-38 (ESV)

<sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release,

## Hebrews 11:32-38 (ESV)

<sup>35</sup> so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute,

## **Hebrews 11:32-38 (ESV)**

**<sup>37</sup> afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.**