

Because of His Name
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1. Suffering shouldn't surprise us.

- We are called beloved because it's easy to forget when you are suffering.
- We have no right to expect better treatment than Christ.

2. Suffering will refine us.

- Suffering in this world makes us long for heaven. This world is all the heaven that some will ever know.
- When life is uncomfortable we see what we really believe.
- Faith that falters before the finish was false from the first.

3. Suffering gives us an opportunity to shine.

- What does it mean to bring God glory = I make God look Good!
- Our suffering may be someone's greatest blessing.
- Does the light shine greater in the day time or the night time?

Application:

- View your suffering as an opportunity to bring God Glory.
- Look for ways your suffering can bring you closer to God.
- Talk to God, don't complain to everyone else.