

COMMENCEMENT

- God is Holy, that is to say He is set apart, and He desires us to be Holy as He is. This call to Holiness begins with us acknowledging that there is no one else like Him and it plays out in our actions as we sanctify (the act of setting apart) Him in our hearts. Belonging to God, living on His terms, reserving ourselves for him, delighting in Him, and finding satisfaction is so doing.
- Contentment is no easy thing. But, when we adopt a clear perspective of the life we now live in Christ, we realize there is no greater purpose or pleasure. Our call to be like Him compels us to walk in his footsteps, to be holiness to the Lord, and to suffer as He did.

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A Principle of Suffering

The Example:

The Exhortation:

The Application

1. Counting it a _____ (James 5:7-11)
2. That we may be _____ (Romans 8:17-18)
3. How _____ is it? (1 Peter 1:6-9)

CONSIDER

- * What should suffering look like in the life of a believer?
- * Have I considered the calling that I am called to?
- * What are ways that I can be an encouragement for others who are suffering?
- * Am I not counted worthy to suffer for His sake?

CHALLENGE

- * What is one thing that I can do this week to give more value/weight/priority to God's Word in my life?
- * Dear God, help me to stop running from suffering. But, to the extent that it is for Christ, help me glory in my Redeemer through it.