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1 Peter: The Proving Ground of Faith  
1 Peter 4:12–19  
“Making Sense of Suffering”

1. OVERCOMING THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF SUFFERING. (4:12–13)

Christians should expect suffering. (12)  
See *Psalm 10:1; 22:1*.

Christians should see suffering as \_\_\_\_\_. (12)  
See *1 Peter 1:6–7*.

Christians should \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering. (13)

2. OVERCOMING THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF SUFFERING. (4:14)

Though mocked by men, you will be blessed by God. (14a)  
See *Isaiah 11:1–2*.

Though mocked by men, God will be blessed by you. (14b)

3. OVERCOMING THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF SUFFERING. (4:15–16)

Avoiding shame by avoiding sin. (15)

Rebuking shame by \_\_\_\_\_ God. (16)

4. OVERCOMING THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF SUFFERING. (4:17–19)

God asks us to trust Him as our \_\_\_\_\_. (17–18)

God asks us to trust Him as our \_\_\_\_\_. (19)

*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.*  
(2 Corinthians 4:7–10 NKJV)