

**Intro. – Bible provides help in suffering successfully.**

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**I. Successful Suffering**

- Not a contradiction \_\_\_\_\_
- Bible has many individuals who suffered:
  - Jacob \_\_\_\_\_
  - Job \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jeremiah \_\_\_\_\_
  - Joseph \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mary \_\_\_\_\_
  - John \_\_\_\_\_
- They suffered successfully because:
  1. They know suffering
    - God produces many things through suffering:
      - A. Patience – James 1:34 \_\_\_\_\_
      - B. Righteousness – Heb. 12:7-11 \_\_\_\_\_
      - C. No suffering wasted – Rom. 8:28 \_\_\_\_\_
  2. They knew
    - Hell is scary because \_\_\_\_\_ Mk. 9:47-48
    - Suffering servants had one common thread in all their experiences: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Relief will one day come in the form of: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

## II. Summary/Invitation

- Suffering doesn't have to be a totally negative experience if we remember:

1. Successful suffering requires \_\_\_\_\_

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▪ Soicism \_\_\_\_\_

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▪ Successful suffering has a different goal than stoicism \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Successful suffering requires \_\_\_\_\_

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▪ During suffering our prayers *should* be for:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

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C. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Successful suffering requires \_\_\_\_\_

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▪ Only those who belong \_\_\_\_\_

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- Who should come forward this evening?
  - Those who need to give their lives & suffering to God.
  - Those whose suffering has taken them away from God.
  - Those who need prayer support for their suffering.
- Which one are you?