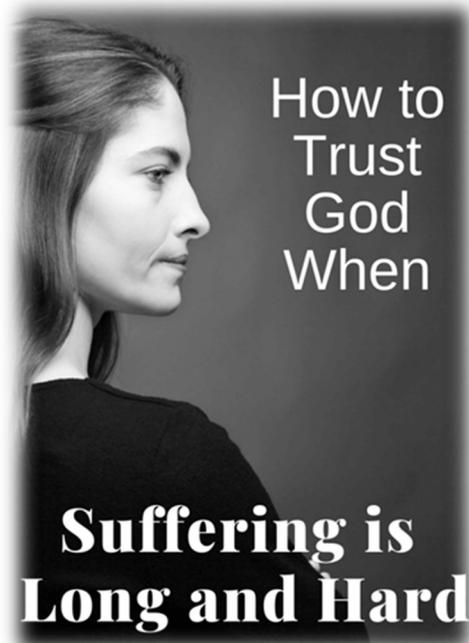




How Do I Respond To Suffering?

Why do we suffer? Some people suffer due to consequences of their sins, and some, as the result of the sins of others. There are people who suffer physically due to sin coming into the world introducing diseases and the deterioration of the human body. Many are persecuted and suffer because of their faith in Christ Jesus. The scriptures teach that eventually most Christians will suffer in one way or the other. But how do we deal with our suffering? When I am suffering through no fault of my own, how do I cope? Do I blame God? Do I walk away and abandon my faith? We want to know why. Why am I suffering when I have done nothing wrong?



How to
Trust
God
When

Suffering is
Long and Hard

Did you know that words translated "suffer, suffers, suffered, suffering" are found more in First Peter than any other book in the Bible? In chapter four, Peter gives us direction to help us in our suffering. Peter says when we suffer, we should look to Jesus and take courage from His example (I Peter 4.1). If Jesus suffered when He was sinlessly perfect; then I should not be surprised when I suffer in the flesh. The passage goes on to say that we need to prepare ourselves for suffering. Suffering will come and we need to be ready for it when it does. It is challenging to understand what Peter means when he says, "**for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin**"

(I Peter 4.1). Does it mean that if we suffer as a Christian we no longer sin? That can't be because no one is able to live sinlessly perfect; only Jesus was able to do that. Wayne A. Grudem, in his commentary on First Peter, states, "*Whoever has suffered for doing right, and has still gone on obeying God in spite of the suffering it involved, has made a clear break with sin.*" That is, when one suffers as a Christian, sin no longer has the appeal that it formerly had.

Thus, Peter said that sufficient time had past for desiring to do what the Gentiles do. We are no longer to pursue "**living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry**" (4.3). The sins of the past are to stay in the past; we have been born again. We now walk after and live for God. Regardless of the suffering we may endure, we know that Christ suffered innocently, and we can gain strength from Him to endure such ourselves. We may never understand why things happen to us, but we have a God who loves us, and will take care of us for all eternity. Peter wraps up his epistle by saying, "**And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, Who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you**" (I Peter 5.10). One day, God will give me rest from all that I endure in this life, in the life to come. Think about it!

Gary

Who's Your Role Model?

I Peter 2.21-25

1. As parents, we desire that the best adults possible be placed before our children as role models.
2. Shouldn't we be just as concerned over the role model we place before ourselves as "children of God"?
3. Who is your role model?
4. Whom has God given us as our perfect example?

Jesus Is Our Perfect Example Because Of...

I. _____ He Is (I Peter 2.21, 22).

- A. Jesus is our _____ Savior (2 Corinthians 5.15-18, 21).
 1. Peter says that Jesus "**committed no sin.**"
 2. What better role model could I desire?
- B. There was no _____ found in His mouth.
 1. What is deceit?
 2. Can I "**follow in His steps**"?
 - a. Can I live sinlessly?
 - b. Can I live _____ in my _____?
 - c. What did Paul tell the Ephesians (Ephesians 4.29)?

II. _____ He Did (I Peter 2.23-24a).

- A. Jesus _____ for the sins of others.
 1. He did not _____.
 2. Jesus was _____ what He _____ (Matthew 5.43-48).
 3. Jesus committed Himself to God.
- B. Can we be like _____?
 1. Context is exhortation to Christian _____ (1 Peter 2.18).
 2. The example is complete _____ and _____ in God.

III. _____ He Did It (I Peter 2.24b-25).

- A. That His _____ might heal ours.
 1. "**By His wounds**"—In Greek, it literally means:
 - a. "*A bruised and swollen welt from which blood trickles*"—
 - b. "*The livid mark on the quivering flesh, red and raw, from scourging.*"
 2. Christ died for our sin-sick _____, not for our diseased body.
 3. Jesus shed His blood to _____ us from our sins (Revelation 1.5, NKJV).
- B. Jesus shed His blood to redeem us, so that we may be _____ unto the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.
- C. Who is _____ you?

Conclusion: Do you need to return to God today?

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Good morning church family! I am happy to feature the Kirkpatrick family in our member Connection Corner.

Angie was born in Fort Worth and graduated from Southwest High School. Angie was very active in Volleyball and Soccer as well as wood and metal shop classes. Upon graduation, she went to work for the Eckerd Drug company and the Wolfe Nursery company for a couple of years each.



Jeff was born in Lubbock, but moved to Crowley where he graduated from high school. He and Angie met at the Don Carter Bowling lanes while playing pool. She actually started dating Jeff's friend until he moved away. Jeff and Angie then began dating and married a few years later. When their daughters were born, Angie became a full-time mom while Jeff became a Sheriff's Deputy in the Corrections Department where he has worked for 26 plus years.

Kayla, their oldest daughter, was born with Down's Syndrome, and has been a fighter through multiple health struggles throughout her life. She has the biggest smile you will ever see and loves to give double fist bumps! Her grandfather worked for TCU and Kayla and Jeff attend as many TCU games as possible. Kayla even got to meet the TCU coach, Sonny Dykes. Kayla is a huge Texas Rangers fan, too! She loves to spend time with her family.

Courtney is a high school student who has played on the volleyball team, sings in the advanced choir, musical theater company, and dance team. Courtney, along with her mother and sister were baptized last October 19th and have hit the ground running here at WH. Courtney participated in LTC, the youth mission trip, and Camp Blue Haven. The three girls together have helped in the fall festival and Easter egg hunt as well. Angie has begun teaching 1-year olds in the Star Bright School. They are excited to be with their new church family and love to be here at every service. Jeff joins them as his work schedule permits.

Make a special effort to get to know this family, you will be blessed and have a big smile, too! I guarantee it!

Les Keele



One of our members is in need: They are looking for a 10 x 12 area rug, a small kitchen table, a small table to sew on, a storage ottoman, and bookshelves. If you are trying to get rid of any of these, that are gently used, please let the office know. Thank you.

SHEPHERDS

*Greg Ball	214-801-7375
Russ Bartee	817-938-5825
Dan Kille	817-793-7493
Chuck Meyer	682-553-5444
Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
John Walton	817-441-0000

**Shepherd of the month*

MINISTERS

Gary Williams:	662-321-3208
<i>Pulpit Minister</i>	
Les Keele:	817-808-0566
<i>Associate Minister</i>	
James Bowie:	817-944-4492
<i>Youth Minister</i>	
John Boundtaroth:	817-891-2132
<i>Laotian Minister</i>	
Ken Intharansy:	817-501-6838
<i>Laotian Minister</i>	

DEACONS

Jon Bartee	817-889-2686
James Bowie	817-944-4492
Brandon Duncan	903-603-1059
Jay Garner	817-205-2070
Ben Meyer	817-673-8557
Robert Scott	817-246-0911
Matt Sloan	405-471-3404
Steve Taylor	817-291-2065
Buck Thomas	817-733-2620
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steven Johnston

Song Leader - Randy McCoy

Song - Paradise Valley

Song - The Lily Of The Valley

Song - Peace In The Valley

Prayer - Steve Taylor

Scripture - I Peter 2: 21-25

Song - Jesus Is Lord

Lord's Supper - Roger Omer

Prayer for Contribution - Roger Omer

Song - What A Day That Will Be/Lean On His Arm

Who's Your Role Model? - Gary Williams

Song - God Is Calling The Prodigal

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Greg Ball

Donate by QR Code?
Here is ours:
Thank You!



For our members and visitors with hearing difficulties, we now provide single side in-ear mono earbuds with a personal receiver for your convenience. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for one.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, August 28

Jeremiah 10 - 12

Tuesday, August 29

Jeremiah 13 - 15

Wednesday, August 30

Jeremiah 16 - 18

Thursday, August 31

Jeremiah 19 - 21

Friday, September 1

Jeremiah 22 - 24

Saturday, September 2

Jeremiah 25 - 27

Sunday, September 3

Jeremiah 28 - 30

Last Week

Bible Class:	139	Wednesday:	114
AM Worship:	216	Contribution:	\$ 10,260.48
PM Worship:	53	Budget:	\$ 12,978.00

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

SUNDAY MORNING FALL QUARTER CLASSES
YOUNG ADULTS/YOUNG MARRIEDS: SONG OF SOLOMON: A BOOK OF ROMANCE: LES KEELE
AUDITORIUM: 2 CORINTHIANS: GARY WILLIAMS

SUNDAY NIGHTS

PLAN TO ATTEND EVENING WORSHIP FOR A CLASS ON:

EVANGELIZING YOUR COMMUNITY: TOOLS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

TAUGHT BY GARY AND LES

ONE BOOK PER FAMILY PROVIDED



Men's Class and Ladies' Class will Resume

Tuesday, September 12

10:00 AM

Men's Topic: Test The Spirits - Roger Omer

Ladies' Topic: 1 Peter - Paula Pauley

NEW STUDY!

Ecclesiastes

Les Keele

Wednesday

7 PM



Children's Bible Hour will begin September 3, 2023.



If you would like to help or teach, please sign the clipboard in the foyer.

If you have children between 3 years old and 2nd grade, please complete an attendance form which is also located in the foyer.

Should you have any questions, please see Vickie Bowers.

BYO Brown Bag Suppers continue on Wednesday nights. Please bring your family's meal and we will enjoy a time of fellowship before evening services and classes. The building will be opened at 6:00 PM.



Ladies, if you would like to share prayer time and gain strength by coming together with your sisters, come to the Library on Wednesday nights at 6:40 P.M.

It's that time of year! The coin cans for Foster's Home for Children are in the foyers for you to pick up and fill with your change. The cans will be picked up sometime in November.



Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

August 27, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Ken Intharansy 08/25/2023	Will have a pacemaker procedure inserted due to low heart rate on August 31, 10:30 AM, Medical City Fort Worth. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	A successful procedure and healing
Kitti Davis 08/20/2023	Has gone to the doctor regarding her auto-immune disease and her recent Parkinsons diagnosis. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	For the doctors to have knowledge, wisdom, and skill to prescribe the best treatments
Nancy Moody 08/21/2023	Her sister, Shirley, passed away on Monday, August 21. This is also the daughter of Polly McCarty. 917 Willow Way, Forth Worth, Texas 76126	The family's comfort and peace
	Drought.	For rain in all the areas that need it so badly
Missy Hall 08/20/2023	Has returned home to live.	Please pray for guidance in her return home here and with favor for a job/home
Bridgett Yawn 08/13/2023	Has a staff infection in her leg. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Healing
Joe Gentry 08/09/2023	His granddaughter, Michelle Taylor, who moved to Alaska to teach in a small fishing village, was found deceased in her home. Her celebration of life was held last Saturday. 408 Rim Rock Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Comfort and peace for the family and for all who knew Michelle and her parents
Bob Howard 08/09/2023	It has been determined that he has had a non-debilitating stroke. 6075 FM 1189, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Healing and rehab
Evelyn Woolsey 08/04/2023	Is in City View Rehab Room 208 following a fall which resulted in a broken arm. She would love visitors according to her son, Stephan (505-321-9082).	Healing and strength
Bob Willyerd 7/27/23	Will have his second surgery on his spine on Monday, August 28. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	That all goes well and he will fully recover
Wincie Neusse 7/17/2023	Is having health issues. Her reports came back and all is well. 3425 Riveroad Court, Apartment # 2318, Fort Worth, Texas 76116-1114	Good results and healing
Kham Intharansy 7/6/2023	Had a stent graft procedure for her dialysis on July 6. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	Successful surgery and quick healing

All prayer requests will remain on the list for 30 days. Following that time, the request will be removed unless the office is notified differently. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Family & Friends

August 27, 2023

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Sue Roden, aunt of	Debbie Rollins	Was admitted to the hospital on Saturday, August 19, with several health issues.	Healing and recovery 08/20/2023
Kevin, neighbor of	Zach Brookshire	Had brain surgery Friday, August 18. The family has visited with us on several different occasions.	Recovery and healing 08/18/2023
Kyla Anderson, family member of	Auna Walton	She has been battling leukemia. All treatments have been stopped in an effort to build her up.	For her numbers to be where they need to be so her treatments can continue 08/010/2023
DeAnn Trevino, friend of	Leah Bowie	Has been diagnosed with cancer and will need chemo before they can perform surgery to remove the mass.	Peace, comfort, healing, skilled doctors 08/02/2023
Candy (Kumcha Amre)	Candy	She has not been well. 7832 Chapin Road, #310, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116.	Quick healing 7/9/2023

Happy Birthday!

August



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| 1 Bill Baumann | 29 Nell Cain |
| 2 Tommy Intharansy | 30 Sam Anderson |
| 3 Phousi Siharath | |
| 5 Mark Brahn | |
| 5 Wayne Tong | |
| 6 Betty White | |
| 7 Yvonne Hallum | |
| 10 Pam Terrell | <u>Children</u> |
| 12 Patti Musselman | 15 Ava Collins |
| 13 Karen Brahn | 27 Judah Bolt |
| 13 Jeff Swan | |
| 14 James Bowie | |
| 16 Aubrey Hallum | |
| 16 Jane Turner Wright | |
| 20 Loyce Gazaway | |
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| 23 Pat Molder | |
| 24 Milt Birmingham | |
| 26 Betty Wilcox | |
| 26 Danny Lee | |
| 28 Dan Pratt | |



Happy September Birthdays!

1 BOB HOWARD

2 JENNIFER DUNCAN

4 NANCY WRIGHT

5 JOHNNIE WRIGHT

6 MICHAEL DAVIS

7 JOE GARCIA

7 NATHAN RUTLEDGE

8 THONGLE SIHARATH

10 AMBER GRIER

16 ISAIS TORREZ

18 JILL SLOAN

18 NATHAN BOWIE

18 STANLEY GISH

19 SUE CARPENTER

19 SUE SMITH

19 LEANN FISHER

20 JUDY BLAIR

20 PETER BROWN

23 FRANKIE SMITH

25 DEBBIE ROLLINS

25 DAVID WILMINGTON

26 ROY EUBANKS

26 MARY EAST

28 SUSIE STEADMAN

29 WRAY GRIER

30 ROBERT SCOTT

30 DANA SABA

CHILDREN

1 LILAH BOLT

15 GAVIN GRIER

17 XAYDEN HUPP

25 ANDREW SCOTT