

III. The Ministry of Hospitality

Providing for those in need...

1 Kings 19 – God’s care for a weary prophet.

IV. The Ministry of Presence

Job 2:13 “And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.”

Conclusion

Questions?

Further Reading: *How Long O Lord* by D. A. Carson

Core Seminars—Suffering for God’s Glory Class 7: Fighting for Faith (Part 2)



Helping others fight for faith in the local church

Introduction

1 Corinthians 12:26, “If one member suffers, all suffer together”

I. The Ministry of Encouragement -

Hebrews 3:13 “But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NASB) “admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone”

a. Encouragement for those suffering

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b. Encouragement from those helping

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II. The Ministry of God's Word

"Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ." – Romans 10:17

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves . . . For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." – Romans 15:1, 4

Common Themes:

1. God promises to use suffering for good.
Romans 8:28
2. God's plans really are good for you.
Luke 12:32
3. God is in control. He is deliberate and careful.

Psalm 56:8

4. This world is passing away.
Revelation 22, 1 Peter 1

"Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, will be counted as cursing." – Proverbs 27:14

III. The Ministry of Prayer

James 5:14-15 "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him."

2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

When we pray for others, we should pray God's word...

Paul's prayers as example:

- Eph. 1:18-19, 3:18
- Col. 1:9-11
- 1 Thes. 3:10-13

1 John 5:14 "...if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."