

1 PETER

Hope & Suffering

"Responding to Suffering, Part 3: Press to Spiritual Maturity"

INTRO: *As we are learning, a Biblical response to trials and suffering is not so much about ADDING something to what we are already doing, but letting go of what is expendable and **doubling-down** on the essentials of our faith. Today, we learn a third God-honoring response to suffering.*

- I. Because Believers and their spiritual inheritance are eternally secure, we can *each* pursue _____ (2:1-3). This will only be accomplished through *God's Word* which we should crave as a newborn baby craves milk.**
- II. Trials may tempt Believers to _____ their pursuit of _____. Time, resources and emotional strength can pressure to be "priorities."**
- III. Press to _____ during trials because God's _____ for the _____ does not change with *our* _____ (2:4-10). *God's purpose for His people (whether OT or NT) is the same.***
- A. Spiritual maturity enhances *our* _____.
*Corporate worship is Christian, Communal, and Sacrificial.***
- B. Spiritual maturity equips *our* _____.
*How can we **not** proclaim God's mercy!***