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Disciple Suffering 1

**A Lost Element of Discipleship:
Facing Suffering Christianly, Part 1**
Acts 14:19-23
(Pew Bible p. 1106)

To fail to teach Christians a *theology of suffering* is not only unbiblical – it is cruel, leaving people unprepared for real life.

1. The Apostle Paul's discipleship curriculum included a clear preparation for hardship.
Acts 14:21-22

Disciples of Jesus Christ are prepared for trials.

2. Peter's first letter is one place to receive that preparation.

"1 Peter – A Syllabus For Suffering Saints" –Prof Howard Hendricks

Peter: Hardship is not a shocking surprise, but a tool in the hands of our purposeful God.
1 Peter 4:12

"Therefore, prepare your minds..." 1 Peter 1:13

Next Week: 1 Peter 1:1-9