



IDOP¹⁴



DON'T STAND IN SILENCE

*Remember the
prisoners, as
though in prison
with them, and
those who are ill-
treated, since you
yourselves also are
in the body.*

Pastor Saeed Abedini in Iran,
Asia Bibi in Pakistan,
and literally thousands more
who are
suffering persecution
for their Christian faith!

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**THE
PROBLEM OF
SUFFERING...**

Google Search found
at least 11 different books
with titles similar to
“Why Do Bad Things
Happen To Good People?”

We all experience suffering
in a myriad
of different forms...

Developing a Biblical Theology of Suffering!

Lessons on Suffering...
from those who have “been there!”

- Job, Job 1-2; 6:10; 13:15; 19:25-26

LESSON: Keep your faith in
God!

Lessons on Suffering...
from those who have “been there!”

- Joseph, Genesis 37, 39-41, 45:5-8

LESSON: Keep your faith in
God’s sovereignty, and do what
is right!

Lessons on Suffering...
from those who have “been there!”

- David, Psalm 55, esp. vv. 12-14,
21, 22-23

LESSON: Cast your burdens on
the Lord, and know that He is
always faithful!

Lessons on Suffering...
from those who have “been there!”

- Jeremiah, Lamentations 3:

LESSON: Trust the
lovingkindness, compassion,
and faithfulness of God, even in
the midst of your suffering.

Lessons on Suffering...
from those who have “been there!”

- Paul, II Corinthians 11:23-28;
4:16-18; and 12:8-10.

LESSON: Adopt a Biblical,
eternal perspective and
worldview, and trust in God’s
sufficient grace.

Lessons on Suffering...
from those who have “been there!”

- The “Prodigal Son,” Luke 15:11-32.

LESSON: When the suffering is your own fault, change what you can, and accept the consequences.

Lessons on Suffering...
from those who have “been there!”

- The “Prodigal Son’s **Father**,” Luke 15:11-32.

LESSON: Show the grace and mercy of loving forgiveness!

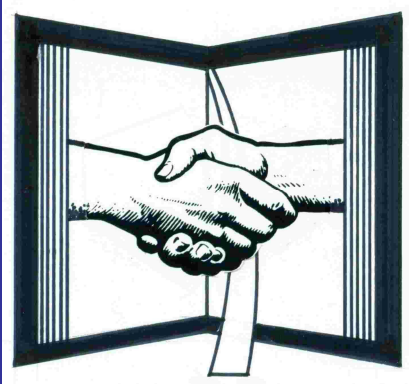
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- Jesus! I Peter 2:21-23; 4:19

LESSON: Keep on trusting God
and doing what is right!

Most of these examples
can be summarized
using the words of the
traditional hymn...

TRUST AND OBEY!



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