

When People Cause Hurt | 1 Peter 2:15-25

Hurt is painful, but it is even worse when it's caused by those we love.

Sometimes the words that are said cut deep & it take a longer time for those wounds to heal.

Even in the pain - GOD's word encourages us to forgive.

† **Matthew 6:14** - For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

It's hard to forgive those who have caused us pain, isn't it?

Last week we talked about how can we "Love GOD – When GOD Allows Hurt".

This week we will examine - how can we "Love People – When People Cause Hurt".

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1. SUFFERING IS FAVORABLE – (1 Peter 2:19-20)

† **2 Timothy 3:12** - Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

† **Isaiah 52:10** - Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

It may not be popular, but understanding GOD will reward suffering – makes it easier to "Love People"

2. SUFFERING IS PREDICTABLE

† **John 15:18** - Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

When we expect others to cause suffering – it is easier to "Love People"

3. SUFFERING IS INEVITABLE

† **Romans 8:18** - For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Suffering may be guaranteed - but it is only temporary.



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GOD is able to use people to grow us – expect HIM to use people every day!

- † **Romans 8:28** - And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

“When People Cause Hurt”, rejoice that GOD is working.

- † **Isaiah 64:8** - But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.

“When People Cause Hurt”, rejoice that GOD has a great reward.

- † **Matthew 5:11** - Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- † **Matthew 5:12** - Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Just because people cause hurt, doesn't mean they are even aware of it

- † **Luke 23:34** - Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Don't give them more credit than they deserve.

Even “When People Cause hurt” – we can still “Love People”.



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