

Sermon series: Rethinking Suffering

Text: various

Big Idea: The King has a standing invitation to His suffering children to seek His relief. Delivered: June 7, 2020

How to Suffer Christianly: Embrace it, Endure it, or Escape it?

1.	Should a Christian Embrace Suffering? (Seek it)
2.	Should a Christian Endure Suffering? (Seek no relief)
3.	Should a Christian try to Escape Suffering? (Seek relief)
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Questions to think & talk about

- Do you tend to simply endure suffering, or try to escape it? Why?
- Jot down several instances in which you saw God deliver you from suffering.
- Do you have kind of an "average" of how long you pray about some suffering you're experiencing: once, twice, maybe a month or so? If you taper off after a certain period of time, why do you think that is? Be specific.
- Even the Savior sought to escape the cross. In the end why did He choose to endure instead? (see 1 Peter 3:17)