

# WHEN GRACE MATTERS MOST

1 PETER 2:18-3:7 // PASTOR DWAYNE FRACOIS  
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***“For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.” 1 Peter 2:19***

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- You may not have personally experienced a situation where your suffering has become an opportunity for powerful ministry, but it does happen. Read Acts 16:16-34 and see one example. How was grace displayed and who did affect?
  
- How has your life been affected by God’s grace most recently?
  
- The hard relationships that Peter wrote about include mistreatment, misunderstanding, and misalignments that we can relate to. If you identified with any of those hard situations, you already know you need grace. If you are able to, talk about some of the suffering you’ve experienced personally through a difficult relationship. How did God’s grace come into that situation?
  
- When you feel like you’re being oppressed it is tempting to retaliate in one way or another. As you consider your hard relationships, what ungracious responses have you been tempted toward? How do these behaviours actually limit people from experiencing grace through you?
  - Rebelling against their authority?
  - Giving into sinful desires
  - Lying
  - Insulting (reviling) them
  - Threatening them
  - Disrespecting them
  - Rude (as opposed to pure) conduct
  - Abandoning them
  - Dishonouring (shaming) them publicly

- Read 1 Peter 2:21-25 again and see the example Jesus set for the church. With this example in mind, how do you want to conduct yourself the next time you are suffering because of hard relationship?
- 1 Peter 3:3-7 instructs wives and husbands in specific ways. Some spouses may find Peter's teaching difficult to follow and need your help. How would you encourage women who fears submission? What would say to men who find it difficult to live up to their obligations?
- We can receive God's grace by sharing our sufferings with others who care about us. It requires us to be more open about the pain in our lives and become more vulnerable. If you're not ready to share consider how 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 may be preparing you to one day tell others.
- What relationship (or situation) are you in that needs more grace? What do you pray would change about you and the other person (people) as grace flows into your life?