



#1 THE STIFF UPPER LIP: GOD DOESN'T EXIST

Self-reliance as _____

1. _____ yourself

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Pet. 5:6-7)

2. Consider _____ for your suffering

"that your faith . . . may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1 Peter 1:7)

#2 ESCAPE: RUNNING TO FALSE GODS

How do we escape? Sometimes, we literally flee. Sometimes, we try to escape through distraction. Sometimes it's simply fantasy, when we create a world in our heads where everything goes the way we want it to.

Week 1: The Bible's Answer to the Problem of Suffering

The wisdom of God and a call to trust

Week 2: God's Revealed Purposes for Suffering

How God can use suffering for our good and His glory

Week 3: Unbiblical Reactions to Suffering

Temptations to find hope in what is passing away

Week 4: Fighting for faith

Struggling for faith in God's sovereignty and goodness

Week 5: Suffering as Witness

Making the most of your suffering for the glory of God

Week 6: The Secret of Contentment

Finding joy in Christ in any and every situation

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“...Egypt’s help is worthless and empty.” (Isaiah 30:1-3, 7)

“From now on . . . those who use the things of the world [should live] as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.” (1 Cor 7:29-31)

#3 I DESERVE BETTER: GOD REWARDS THE RIGHTEOUS

The “_____” problem.

Perhaps your goals are _____.

“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)

Would you be _____ if you didn’t suffer?

1 Peter 4:12-13 “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”

#4 FEAR: GOD CAN’T HELP IT

Is God _____ to know the future?

Isaiah 46:9-10 “I make known the end from the beginning. . . My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.”

Psalms 139:4 “Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely, O LORD.”

#5 GOD HAS IT OUT FOR ME: HE IS NOT GOOD FOR ME

The question of _____ Is God punishing me?

Hebrews 12:5-8 “. . . the Lord disciplines those he loves. . .”

This passage is meant as an _____.

God’s discipline is for our _____.

God’s discipline shows that we are his _____.

The question of _____ Are they good for me?

Trusting God’s purposes is part of being a _____

Pray for _____ in God’s goodness