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FIRST PETER

Hope in the Midst of Suffering

Every person needs a narrative to guide their thinking about suffering



How do we THINK about pain and suffering?

Secular View

1. I don't deserve to have anything bad happen to me.
2. I must control my world.
3. This proves there is not a loving God

Biblical View

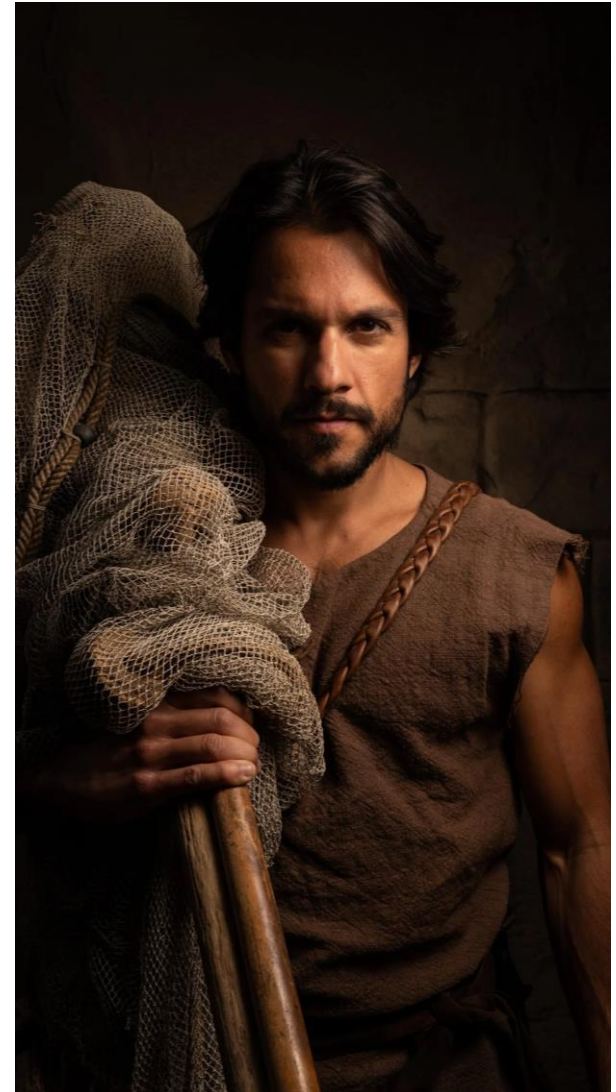
1. Suffering is part of living in a fallen world.
2. God cares about me and cares about my suffering.
3. God uses suffering for my good and His glory

Peter

Fisherman, became a “fisher
of men”

Exclaims, “Go away from me
Lord, for I am a sinful man!”

Walks on water, falters



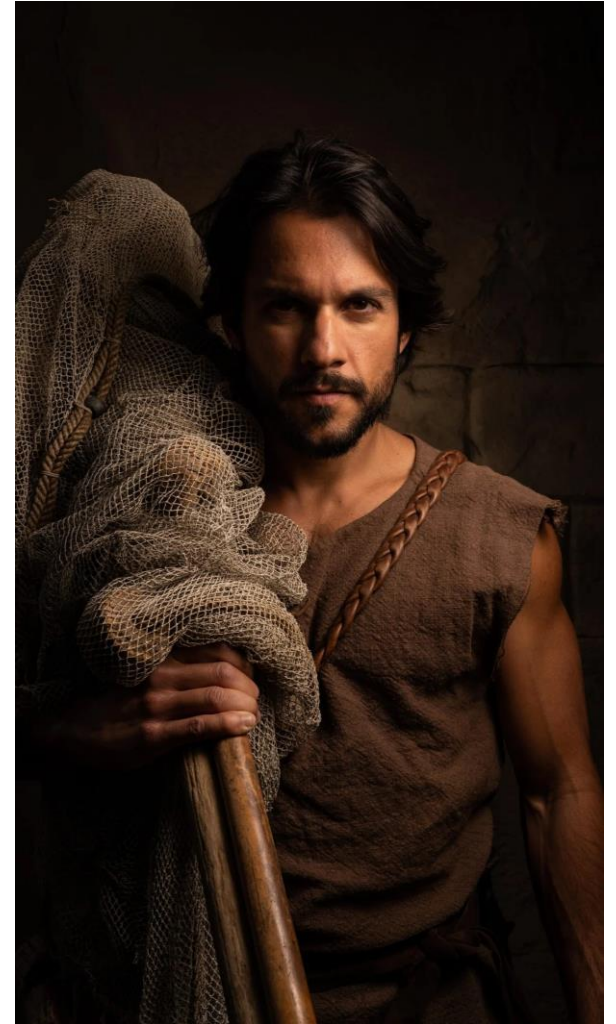
Peter's names

Simon Bar-Jonah=Simon, son of
Jonah

Jesus names him “Rock”

Greek form of Rock is Peter

Aramaic form of Rock is Cephas



Peter aka “Rock”

Witnessed Jesus’ Transfiguration

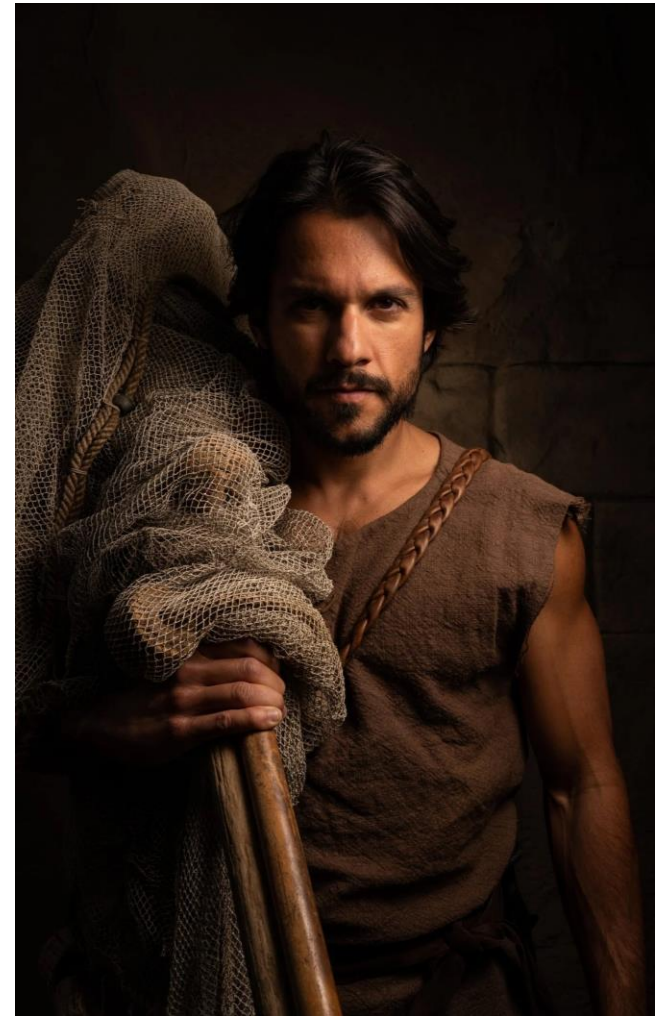
Went with Jesus to Garden of Gethsemane

Denied Jesus 3 times

Says “I love you” to Jesus 3 times

Leading Apostle of church in Jerusalem

Arrested in Acts 4, 5, 12 and also beaten



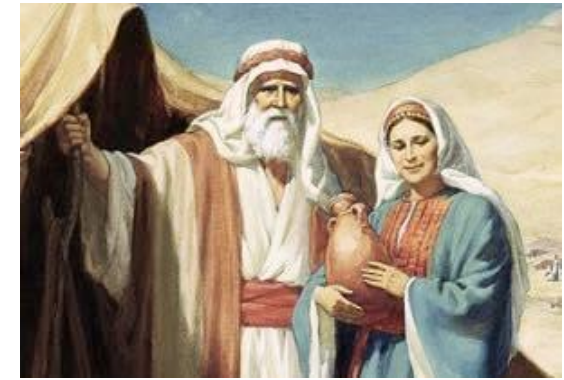
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Jesus' submission in suffering gives us an example to follow



III. Suffering

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I. Salvation

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(Salvation mentioned in 4 of the chapters)



GRACE = God's Riches At Christ's Expense

1:3 born again to a
living hope

1:4 inheritance which
is imperishable

1:9 salvation of your
souls

2:3 kindness of the
Lord



II. Submission

Jesus' submission in suffering gives us an example
Submission mentioned in all 5 chapters



Basics for understanding submission

1. Jesus is the Cornerstone, we submit to His authority
2. Believers have a new identity: God's people
3. We are pilgrims journeying toward our true home, Heaven



Relationships that require submission

2: 13-17 All should submit to one in authority

2: 18-20 Servants, submit to masters

2: 21-25 Jesus entrusted Himself to His Father

3: 1-6 Wives, submit to husbands

3: 7 Husband, show honor to your wife

5: 5 Younger men, be subject to your elders



III. Suffering

Jesus' suffering gives us hope in the midst of our suffering
(Suffering mentioned in all 5 chapters)



Suffering leads to glory and joy

1:11 sufferings of Christ, glories to follow

4:13 sufferings—revelation of His glory

5:1 sufferings of Christ, glory that will be revealed



How do we RESPOND to pain and suffering?

Secular View

1. Prevent suffering as much as possible (I must protect my loved ones from pain!)
2. Manage the pain AND the stress caused by the pain
3. Find the cause of the pain and eliminate it (as I understand the cause)

Biblical View

1. Accept pain and believe a good God is sovereign over it
2. Trust God with the details and the future of the trial
3. Remember that the suffering is temporary-we are on our way to our true home