Sermon notes: August 22, 2021

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| **When God Uses A Megaphone**  Passage: **1 Peter 4:12-19** |  |

**12**Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. **13**But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. **14**If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. **15**If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. **16**However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. **17**For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? **18**And,

“If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,  
    what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A12-19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30465a)]

**19**So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

**Do Not Be Surprised By Suffering: Why Not?**

**Romans 8:21-23 21**that[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+Romans+8%3A21-23&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28138a)] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

**22**We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23**Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

**Rejoice In Suffering: Why?**

**2 Corinthians 4:17 17**For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

**James 1:4 4**Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**Philippians 3:10 10**I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

**Application:**

**Praise**

**Commit Yourself To The Lord**

## How Can I Keep From Singing

### Verse 1

There is an endless song  
Echoes in my soul  
I hear the music ring  
And though the storms may come  
I am holding on  
To the rock I cling

### Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise  
How can I ever say enough, How amazing is Your love  
How can I keep from shouting Your name  
I know I am loved by the King  
And it makes my heart (want to sing)

### Verse 2

I will lift my eyes  
In the darkest night  
For I know my Savior lives  
And I will walk with You  
Knowing You'll see me through  
And sing the songs You give

### Bridge

I can sing in the troubled times  
Sing when I win  
I can sing when I lose my step  
And fall down again  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up  
Sing 'cause You're there  
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord  
When I call to You in prayer  
I can sing with my last breath  
Sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels  
And the saints around the throne

### Ending

I am loved by the King, And it makes my heart  
I am loved by the King, And it makes my heart want to sing  
Yeah I can sing

## Sparrows

### Verse 1

You can't add a single day by worrying  
You'll worry your life away  
Oh don't worry your life away  
You can't change a single thing by freaking out  
It's just going to close you in  
Oh don't let the trouble win

### Pre-Chorus

You may feel alone  
But you're not on your own

### Chorus

Lalala Lalalala  
If He can hold the world He can hold this moment  
Lalala Lalalala  
Not a field or flower escapes His notice  
Oh even the sparrow knows  
He holds tomorrow  
Lalala Lalalala (2X)

### Verse 2

Lean in and it's hard to miss  
Everything can change  
When you make it His  
Oh He wants to carry it  
Carefree in the care of God  
When you let it go  
You'll find that He's enough  
Oh you never leave His love  
  
You don't walk alone

### Bridge

There's not a single star that's out of place  
There's nothing broken He can't remake  
If you long for hope when you're afraid  
Oh look at the sparrow

## Desert Song

### Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides

### Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold  
So refine me Lord through the flame

### Chorus

I will bring praise  
I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice  
I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

### Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on His promise I'll stand

### Bridge

All of my life in ev’ry season  
You are still God  
I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship  
(REPEAT)

### Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favour and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow

## Blessed Be Your Name

### Verse 1

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

### Verse 2

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

### Pre-Chorus

Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

### Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

### Verse 3

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

### Verse 4

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

### Bridge

You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name