

SERMON NOTES

May 2 & 3, 2026

Reasonable Doubt: Suffering and Doubt Psalm 13 & 1 Peter 4-5

How do I _____ in my suffering?

1. _____?

1 Peter 4:12

2. _____.

James 5:10-11

a. My _____ today becomes someone else's _____
_____ tomorrow.

3. _____.

1 Peter 5:6-9a

4. _____ in the faith.

1 Peter 5:9b

5. _____ \neq _____.

Mark 15:39

Life Steps

Reasonable Doubt: Suffering and Doubt | May 4 -10, 2026

Monday

Psalms 13:1-4

Reflect: This prayer gives us a voice to pray through our suffering. Connect with the last time you were in a season where you felt abandoned by God. What did that season reveal about your relationship with God?

Prayer: Father God, even in suffering, I trust in your unfailing love; I will rejoice in your salvation.

Tuesday

1 Peter 4:12

Reflect: One of the ways we stay with God in suffering is to not be surprised when suffering comes. Suffering and serving sometimes overlap. Does it help you in times of suffering to know that you aren't alone in your suffering? How can you use these seasons to help comfort someone else in their place of suffering?

Prayer: Father God, even in suffering, I trust in your unfailing love; I will rejoice in your salvation.

Wednesday

James 5:7-11

Reflect: When suffering comes on, our instinct is to move quickly through it. But if we do this, we miss what God teaches us through it. What is one of the most powerful lessons God has taught you through suffering?

Prayer: Father God, even in suffering, I trust in your unfailing love; I will rejoice in your salvation.

Thursday

1 Peter 5:6-9a

Reflect: Why do you think Peter warns us to watch out for evil during times of suffering? What is it about these seasons that can not only draw us away from God, but towards evil? What have you found that keeps you from going down this path?

Prayer: Father God, even in suffering, I trust in your unfailing love; I will rejoice in your salvation.

Friday

Psalms 23

Reflect: What line in this psalm brings you the most comfort during seasons of suffering? What is it about that line that helps you? What does it reveal about God's character?

Prayer: Father God, even in suffering, I trust in your unfailing love; I will rejoice in your salvation.

Saturday

Mark 15:33-39

Reflect: When all seems lost, these are the moments the power of God shines the brightest. It is in death that new life begins, when we fully appreciate who Jesus is for us. Where were you in your journey when you were able to see clearly who Jesus is, the same way the Centurion did?

Prayer: Father God, even in suffering, I trust in your unfailing love; I will rejoice in your salvation.

Sunday

Psalms 1

Reflect: One of the best ways to stay with God in suffering is to already be in his presence before that season begins. It's a daily walk, daily delighting in the law of God and meditating on his word. As you prepare for worship, know that your actions today will help you prepare for the next challenging season, whenever it may come.

Prayer: Father God, even in suffering, I trust in your unfailing love; I will rejoice in your salvation.