

SATAN'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR SUFFERING

1 Peter 5:8-11

Satan's strategy against Christ *(Mt. 4:1-3)*

Satan's purposes for your suffering

- That you be unstable in your faith *(1 Pt. 5:9)*

Stop and do a check: Is there anywhere in your life where you are doubting God's goodness or wisdom because of your suffering?

- That you be gripped by fear *(1 Pt. 5:9; Phil. 4:6-7)*

Stop and do a check: As you deal with suffering, whom are you listening to the most: God or Satan's roar? Are you reacting more out of fear than faith?

- That you be gripped by bitterness *(2 Cor. 2:10-11)*

Stop and do a check: Is there someone you are unwilling to completely forgive? Has Satan used that bitterness to do damage?

- That you be provoked to sin *(Eph. 4:26-27)*

Stop and do a check: Is there someone you are angry with right now? Has that anger already led to sin?

- That you be disconnected from God's people *(1 Pt. 5:9)*

Stop and do a check: Has your hurt caused you to isolate from other believers?

Pushing back against Satan's purpose

- Resist him *(1 Pt. 5:9)*
- Lean on God's grace *(1 Pt. 5:10)*
- Look, with hope to God's future for you *(1 Pt. 5:10)*
- Remember: the Lion of Judah has defeated this roaring lion *(1 Pt. 5:11)*