



## *Pastor Hanke's Blog*

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#### **Suffering Before Glory**

Bible Reference: Luke 4:1-13

Suffering before glory. This might be the hardest lesson to learn in our world. Marketing and advertising departments want us to desire glory, and glorious things, so they constantly bombard us with those images, and work hard to come up with new ways to entice us. They leave us wanting more, bigger and better, and all right now, but that's not how the world works. Eventually we grasp the reality that suffering (which comes in many different forms) comes before glory, and for those that seem to get their glory first, suffering eventually catches up.

This is not how God intended it when He created man. He had a different plan, but time and time again we go outside of His plan. The sin that we constantly fall prey to has created a world full of suffering. We do our best to ignore the suffering and put a positive spin on our situation, making the world a prettier place than it really is, yet it is undeniable that suffering takes place. Since the fall into sin, suffering must now come before we can experience the glory God had in mind for us, which is to be with Him.

In the season of Lent we can see how Jesus embraced this order as well—suffering before glory. Our reading shows how the devil tempted Jesus with “glory”—food, authority, and power—but Jesus was not fooled. Jesus knew He must suffer to redeem God's people first before returning to glory to prepare a place for us. Jesus knew the order of this world, and Lent is a reminder of that as we walk alongside Jesus, who suffered for us with the end goal in mind. After suffering would come glory, for Him and for us!

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