

Fears Women Face and Reasons for Suffering

My mentor during Mike's seminary days told me that these two topics, "Fears Women Face," and "Possible Reasons for Suffering," often surfaced when she counseled women. She directed me to these Scripture passages that can comfort and strengthen women's hearts when dealing with these issues.

1) Fears Women Face:

- Death of one's spouse or child: John 11:25-26
- Lack of acceptance by husband or others: Colossians 2:9-10
- Problems with children: James 1:5-8
- Feelings of insecurity: Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:1-2
- Matters of job and finances: Psalm 37:1-6; Proverbs 3:5-6
- Fear of growing old: Psalm 139:14-16; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

2) Reasons for Suffering:

- Man's basic fallen condition: Luke 13:4-5
- Satan's assault on faithful Christians: Luke 13:15-16, the book of Job
- A judgmental stroke from God: John 5:14
- Lack of heart preparation for the Lord's Supper: 1 Corinthians 11:20-30
- A chastisement and correction: Hebrews 12:4-7
- A trial given to strengthen our faith: 1 Peter 1:6-9
- An opportunity to display God's powerful work in one of two ways:
 - a) To show God's sufficient enabling and sustaining grace through suffering: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 - b) To show God's delivering power: John 9:1-3; 11:38-44

