

## **QUEST 52 – Chapter 47**

### **How do You Endure Pain?**

**Week of November 23, 2025**

#### **KEY POINTS:**

- Righteousness is always ultimately vindicated. We can endure false accusations if we have faith in God's faithfulness.
- There is no pain worse than rejection. Hope takes faith and pushes it forward past pain to trust that God will ultimately vindicate you and save your enemy.
- Loving your enemies has greater power than grit to enable you to endure pain.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

After reading the essay, consider this question:

- How is your level of faith, hope, and love?
- What predictions from Isaiah 52:13-53:12 were fulfilled in Jesus's execution?
- Meditate on how God treats his enemies and how we should imitate him: Romans 5:10; 12:20; Hebrews 10:12-13.
- Discussion:
  - Have you ever been rejected, betrayed, or hated? What was that like?
  - What can you do to show love in action to a person who has rejected you?
  - Are there any specific strategies that Jesus used at his trial that you could offer as counsel to a friend who has been fired, divorced, sued, or cheated in business?
  - How can the pain we endure increase the faith, hope, and love of others?
  - Schedule a full hour to pray over a crisis in your life. Wrestle with what you need to respond to and what you need to yield control of.
- Write out a prayer that you would want your enemies to pray for you (three sentences). Now pray it for your enemies