



Message Outline *EnduRING SufferING*

Romans 5:1-5



Intro: Ending our series on suffering...

- Last week: testimonies on suffering...
- Perspective and persevering thru suffering...
 - In God's grand scheme of things, suffering doesn't last long (cf. 2Cor.4:17).
 - Meanwhile, God's shaping in suffering...

Read: Romans 5:1-5

v.1—Foundational Christian truth: “justified by faith”...not works/deeds/scales etc.

v.2—Through Jesus we live differently: “grace, stand, hope, glory”...

v.3-5—Deepening in the Christian journey: “rejoicing, suffering, enduring, character forming, hoping”...

- The Holy Spirit's help in all this!!!

SufferING and EnduRING



- The need for patience and trusting the process in suffering (cf. Jms.5:10-11, Rom.12:12, 2Tim.4:5)...

1) _____

- Not every difficulty needs dodged...
- Christ's embracing of suffering (Heb.12:2).

2) _____

- Suffering reveals what's deep within...
- Forming godliness in good days prepares you for when life squeezes you...
- Actions of Jesus in suffering are His norm:

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

3) _____

- Traveling together helps us in enduring...
- Having Christian friends and being Christian friends... (2Cor.1:3-5)

4) _____

- Our faith helps us process pain...we serve a *crucified* Lord!!!



Small Group

Reflection Questions



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4

**From this passage, what do you notice about how Christians are to live?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**What was the worst physical pain you can remember enduring? What helped you get through?*

**When a hurricane is on the way, towns prepare in many ways. How can we prepare as a church/small group to help those who are about to suffer?*

**Can you give advice on how to personally help a suffering friend based upon how someone helped you in a time of need?*

**Take 5 minutes to pray. Ask God if there is anyone in your circle of family/friends suffering currently. Pray intentionally about that person and their circumstances. Anything come to your attention as you prayed for that person?*