



## **“Theology of Suffering”**

Romans 5:1-5

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Notes:

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Ask God to lead you in applying today's passage. Below are some ideas to help.

**READ-** Follow the attached daily Bible reading plan to gain further insight on this topic.

**STUDY-** Use your Study Bible to research the topic of suffering.

**CONFESS-** Consider areas where you could be more patient and admit it to the Lord.

**PRAY-** Ask Him to give you opportunities to be more patient during periods of suffering/trials.

**PRAISE-** Philippians 1:6 says "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus". Thank the Lord that He is at work during our suffering!

**GATHER-** Prepare for D group by reading Sunday's passage again and answering the attached questions.

**INVEST-** Ask someone 'older in the faith' about how they had to rely on the Lord during times of suffering OR share a story with someone 'younger in the faith' about your experience.

**GIVE-** Increase your faith even to the point of personal sacrifice. As you obey, watch how God continues to meet your own needs.

**INVITE-** Practicing faith also means trusting that our efforts to reach the Lost are not in vain. Invite a nonbeliever you know to talk about God by simply asking, "I was wondering, what do you think about Jesus?"

**CREATE-** write your own application down here:

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## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

**Monday:** Job's Trials - Job 1 and 2

**Tuesday:** David Flees from Saul - 1 Samuel 20

**Wednesday:** Joseph Sold into Slavery - Genesis 37

**Thursday:** Jesus Before the Crucifixion - Mark 14

**Friday:** Living for God - 1 Peter 4

**Saturday:** Tomorrow's Passage--Isaiah 25:6-7

## IN THIS PASSAGE, IS THERE A...

- Sin to avoid?
- Prayer/Promise/Praise?
- Example to follow?
- Command to obey?
- Knowledge to remember?
- Question I still have?

## (Virtual) D GROUP QUESTIONS:

**1** What does it mean to 'stand in grace' (v2)?

**2** Verse 2 says we are to "...rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

What is that and is it something that comes naturally to you or not?

Why do you think that is?

**3** Who comes to mind when you think of someone who has endured suffering and has become a person of exemplary character (v4)?

How is hope related to this?

**TOUGH:** Has God produced endurance in you through past sufferings? How so? What might God be trying to cultivate in your character?