

I. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

<u>Rom 5:1-5</u>

We exult in <u>hope</u>, and we exult in <u>tribulations</u>. Our celebration is not <u>situational</u> because God is constantly at work <u>within</u> every <u>circumstance</u> to <u>forge</u> us into the <u>shape</u> that He desires.

- II KINGDOM REALITY:
 - A. Without troubles, there would be no testimonies.
 - B. Without desperate <u>need</u>, there would be no <u>miracles</u>.
- **III. THE PATH TO FORGING**

A. <u>Trouble</u> forges <u>perseverance</u>.

Choice: <u>Fear</u> vs. Faith

- B. <u>Perseverance</u> forges <u>character</u>
 - Choice: Discouragement vs. Determination
 - Choice: Bitterness vs. <u>Brokenness</u>
- C. <u>Character</u> forges <u>hope</u>.

- Choice: Cynicism vs. Confidence
- D. <u>Hope</u> remains because of <u>Love</u>.
 - Choice: <u>Distance</u> vs. Desperation