

Revelation 1:9 I, John, Your Brother

Sometimes we can read the Bible, and the stories written there, can feel far off. These people and places are so far from my own reality, it can be hard to relate. Yet John wants to connect with his readers and let them know that he knows what we are going through. John knows that you suffer, and he suffered too.

Topic- Trials, ??? what do we have? Encouragement through trials and suffering?

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“I, John”

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“your brother”

John was a man just like us. He was so humble that he would never make reference to himself by name in his gospel, yeah he was so much like us, he had to make sure that he mentioned that he was faster than Peter.

*John & Peter running to tomb

*John happy he won

*John writes about it as an old man

James 5:17 — Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

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“companion” =sygkoinōnos(συγκοινωνός) = “joint participant” or “join sharer”

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“in the tribulation”

The Prosperity Gospel

Matthew 13:20-21 — “But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; “yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles...

- "because they had no root they withered away." (v6)

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Death of the Apostles

*A1-Judas: Betrayed Christ and hanged himself

*A2-James: His brother, the first killed, Acts 12, by the sword

*A3Philip & Andrew, crucified on X shaped cross , he hung for over 2 days before he died, while in the meantime he preach Christ to those who passed by

*A4- Thaddeus & James, son of Alphaeus, beaten to death

*A5-Thomas, took the gospel to India and was run thru with a spear, Matthew, pinned to the ground and then beheaded

*A6- Simon, sawn in two, Bartholomew, skinned alive while crucified

*A7-Peter, refusing to be killed in the same manner as his Lord, was crucified upside down; Luke hanged, Mark drug, Barnabas stoned...

*A8- John...

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patience = hypomonē(ὑπομονή)

-hypo("hoo-poe") = under

-meno = abide, remain, dwell

-steadfastness, constancy, endurance

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"was on the island that is called Patmos"

*7 churches map

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"for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."

"for"

-because of...

-for the purpose of

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*John Bunyan- 1628-1688

*B1-“The parting with my wife and poor children hath oft been to me in [jail] as the pulling the flesh from my bones, especially my poor blind child, who lay nearer my heart than all I had besides.”

*B2-“If you let me out of prison today, I will preach again tomorrow, by the help of God.”

*B3-“I never had in all my life so great an inlet into the Word of God as now... I never had so great an understanding of the Word of God as here in this place, in prison. The Scriptures that I saw nothing in before, are made in this place and state to shine upon me.”

*B4- “And thus it was: I, writing of the way
And race of Saints, in this our Gospel-day,
Fell suddenly into an Allegory
About their Journey, and the way to Glory.”

*Pilgrims Progress

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"There is no pit so deep, that God's love is not deeper still".

-Bestie Ten Boom

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“Suffering is never for nothing...

-God never withholds from His child that which His love and wisdom call good. God’s refusals are always merciful—‘severe mercies’ at times but mercies all the same. God never denies us our heart’s desire except to give us something better....

-There is no circumstance, no trouble, no testing, that can ever touch me until, first of all, it has gone past God and past Christ, right through to me. If it has come that far, it has come with a great purpose.”

-Elizabeth Elliot

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Psalm 43:5 — Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

Psalms 126:5 — Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.

Psalms 34:17-18 — The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

2 Corinthians 12:9 — And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

1 Peter 5:7 — casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Psalms 46:1-4 — God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah

There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God...

Revelation 22:1 — And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Revelation 22:17 — And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.