



# Day 5

## Romans 5:3–5

We tend to think that when God delays, we are just stuck, wasting time, treading water. Romans 5 says the opposite. Even in suffering—even in the pressure of waiting—God is producing something.

“Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame...” (vv.3–5). Waiting on God often feels like being pressed, stretched, and tested. But in Christ, pressure is productive. It is not random. It is not meaningless.

What should we do while we wait under that pressure? We lean into what God is doing instead of running from it. We let endurance have its work. We refuse to numb ourselves or escape into distraction. We keep showing up—praying, obeying, serving, even when we don’t see quick results.

And as we do, the Spirit pours God’s love into our hearts (v.5). That means waiting is not about us proving our love for God; it is about God pouring His love into us. Every day you persevere is evidence that He is at work.

Waiting on God is not a holding pattern; it is a workshop. He is shaping endurance, deepening character, and strengthening hope.

*Pray: “God, use the pressure of this waiting to produce endurance in me. Shape my character. Grow my hope. Pour Your love into my heart by the Holy Spirit as I trust You.”*