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Additional Scripture References

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Suffering

To provide the needed humility, God permitted suffering in Paul's life. You are also joined in your journey with the same companion - the necessary suffering that tempers all believers.

*But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings. ~ Hebrews 10:32*

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Grace

God may never remove the difficulty or rid your life of the anguish, yet He will comfort you in His grace. Hang on to the promise: His power is perfected in weakness.

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. ~ 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Weakness

With our eyes on Christ, we can find contentment in the hardships experienced. Be resolved to continue in faithful service for the Lord, for Christ will show Himself powerful through you.

*...quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ~ Hebrews 11:34*

1 PETER 4:12-13

BELOVED, DO NOT BE SURPRISED AT THE FIERY TRIAL WHEN IT COMES UPON YOU TO TEST YOU, AS THOUGH SOMETHING STRANGE WERE HAPPENING TO YOU. BUT REJOICE INsofar AS YOU SHARE CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS, THAT YOU MAY ALSO REJOICE AND BE GLAD WHEN HIS GLORY IS REVEALED.

Romans 5:3-5

*Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Psalms 119:71

*It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.*

2 Corinthians 1:5

*For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.*

2 Corinthians 4:8-10

*We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.*

Proverbs 17:3

*The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the Lord tests hearts.*

Mark 14:28

*"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*