



WEEK TWENTY-NINE

JOY IN THE SUFFERING

Day 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read Acts 5:12-42.
2. What happened to the apostles after performing miracles? Why were they arrested, what happened during the night? (see vs 17-21)
3. Where did the high priest find the apostles the next day? What was the response of the apostles when they were being questioned?
4. What did the council end up doing to the apostles in verse 40? How did the apostles respond to this in vs 41-42? How would you respond in this situation?
5. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (ex: bathroom mirror, desk, bedroom, backpack, etc)

Memory Verse:

“So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.”

- Acts 5:41

I'm praying about:

Day 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read Genesis 37:17-20, 39:19-23.
2. This story portrays Joseph doing everything right but everything wrong happened to him. How do you respond in difficult times?
3. We we suffer we can be bitter, battered or better. How did Joseph respond to slavery and false accusations? According to verse 21, who was with Joseph?
4. Read Genesis 45:8. Joseph recognizes that God is always the one in control. Do you trust in God's plan to where/who/what has been placed in your life? Explain.
5. Write out this weeks memory verse below.

Day 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read Hebrews 12:2-3. Who are we to look at? What other distractions do you look at? How does this verse give you confidence in times of suffering?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:20-25. Whose example are we called to follow? What things did Christ not commit?
4. Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. What similarities does this prophecy about Jesus have compared to 1 Peter 2:22-23?
5. Write out this weeks memory verse below.

Day 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read Philippians 1:12-14. What was Paul's mindset about imprisonment? What did his imprisonment cause in other believers? Are you bold to speak about Christ? Explain.
3. According to Philippians 1:29 should we be surprised during difficult times? Why do you think most believers do not have the same mindset as Paul?
4. Times of suffering are used to grow our faith. According to Philippians 4:4-9, what are some disciplines and attitudes we can focus on during trials?
5. Write out this weeks memory verse below.

Day 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. What does Romans 8:28 say about all things? Do you hold fast to this truth even if it doesn't make sense? Why or why not?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:12-16. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, what are you considered? Have you been insulted on behalf of Christ before? If not, is your life representative of Jesus?
4. Read 1 Peter 4:19. Do you trust God? Why or why not?
5. Write out this weeks memory verse below.