God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Hold On—Greater Glory Is Coming

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Highlighted Scripture

• Romans 8:18–25
Paul acknowledges the very real suffering experienced in this present life while pointing believers toward the glory still to come. Creation groans, and we ourselves groan as we wait for the redemption of our bodies. Christian hope looks beyond what can presently be seen and waits patiently for what God has promised.

Discussion Questions

• Romans 8 does not ignore suffering but compares it with the glory still to come. How does that perspective change the way we face pain today?

• Tony speaks to people dealing with physical pain, illness, surgery, and the effects of aging. Why is it important that Christian hope doesn't require us to pretend those struggles aren't real?

• What does Paul mean when he says that we hope for what we do not yet see?

• How can the promise of the redemption of our bodies give hope to someone experiencing ongoing physical suffering?

• What does patiently holding onto God's promises look like when healing or relief does not come as quickly as we would like?

Reflection Challenge

Don't allow present suffering to make you lose sight of future hope.

Ask yourself:

• Have my current circumstances become bigger in my mind than God's promises?

• Am I expecting my ultimate hope to come from relief in this life, or from what God has promised through Christ?

• How can I encourage someone who is suffering without minimizing what they're going through?

Try this:

• Read Romans 8:18–25 slowly and notice that Paul acknowledges both groaning and hope.

• When pain or discouragement becomes overwhelming, remind yourself: What I am experiencing now is not the end of my story.

• Pray for someone currently facing illness, recovery, or

physical suffering.

• Thank God for the future redemption He has promised, even while honestly bringing today's struggles before Him.

Remember

• Present suffering is real, but it is temporary.

• Christian hope looks beyond what we can presently see.

• God has not abandoned us in our suffering.

• Our ultimate hope includes the redemption of our bodies.

• Nothing can separate those who belong to Christ from His love.

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You that my present suffering is not the end of my story. When pain, sickness, or discouragement becomes difficult to bear, help me hold firmly to the hope You have given me through Jesus Christ. Give me strength for today and patience as I wait for what I cannot yet see. Remind me that You are with me, that nothing can separate me from Your love, and that a glory beyond my present suffering is still ahead. Give comfort and strength to those who are hurting today. Help them know Your presence in the middle of their struggle and keep their hearts fixed on the hope found in Christ.

In Jesus' name, Amen.