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Jesus is worthy of our suffering  
Colossians 1:24

Jesus is the goal of ministry  
Colossians 1:25-27

The ministry of the church is the message of Jesus  
Colossians 1:28-29

Baptism is the starting line, not the finish line.

A few things about maturity:  
Colossians 2:1-5

Maturity is evidenced in a church that is encouraging, united in love, and growing in understanding and assurance.

A mature church is one that is in good order and firm in its faith in Christ.

Maturity is the foundation of a missional church.

Another way to look at this is that a church that reaches is one that teaches

Making all of this personal:

1. Christ suffered for the salvation of the church
2. Reaching and teaching requires struggle and involves suffering.
3. Maturity is the foundation of a life on mission
4. Jesus is the goal of our lives

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