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Suffering Releases Glory

PSA 34:19-20 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. He guards all his bones;
Not one of them is broken.

2 Tim 3:10-12 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Paul's Mind shift about suffering

2 Cor 12:7-10 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, *a messenger of Satan to buffet me*, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, *for My strength is made perfect in weakness.*” *Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* ¹⁰ *Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities*, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. *For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

2 Cor 11:22-33 Are they Hebrews? So *am* I. Are they Israelites? So *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So *am* I. ²³ Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I *am* more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴ From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ in journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn *with indignation*? ³⁰ If I must boast, *I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity.* ³¹ The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is

blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; ³³ but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

SUFFERING WAS SEEN AS A NORMAL PART OF OUR CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Rom 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be ***glorified together.***

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

1 Pet 5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.

Acts 5:40-42 And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. ⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.

Rom 5:3-5 And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

1 Pet 4:1-3 amp SO, SINCE Christ suffered in the flesh *for us, for you*, arm yourselves with the same thought *and* purpose [patiently to suffer rather than fail to please God]. For whoever has suffered in the flesh [having the mind of Christ] is done with [intentional] sin [has stopped pleasing himself and the world, and pleases God],

2 So that he can no longer spend the rest of his natural life living by [his] human appetites *and* desires, but [he lives] for what God wills.

JESUS LEARNED THROUGH SUFFERING

Heb 5:7-9 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, ⁸ though He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Heb 2:10-11 For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, **in bringing many sons to glory**, to make the captain of their salvation **perfect through sufferings**. ¹¹ For both He who sanctifies and those who are

being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

GLORY TO BE REVEALED

John 1:1-4 **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Heb 1:3 amp He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint *and* very image of [God's] nature, upholding *and* maintaining *and* guiding *and* propelling the universe by His mighty word of power.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

YOU ARE BORN OF THE SEED OF CHRIST

1 Pet 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

THE GLORY - THE LIFE - THE SEED INSIDE of us is to BE MANIFESTED OUTSIDE

1 Pet 4:12-16 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, *that when His glory is revealed*, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you*. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. ¹⁶ Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

Rom 8:18-25 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us*. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the *revealing of the sons of God*. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for

why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ ***But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.***

2 Cor 4:16-18 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, ***yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.*** ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, ***is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,*** ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

2 Cor 4:16-18 amp Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying *and* wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.

¹⁷ For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) ***is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!]***,

¹⁸ Since we consider *and* look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless *and* everlasting.

2 Cor 4:6-11 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God* in the face of Jesus Christ.

Cast Down But Unconquered

⁷ *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels*, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, *that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body*. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, *that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh*. ¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you.

2 Cor 4:8-12 amp We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [troubled and oppressed in every way], but not cramped *or* crushed; we suffer embarrassments *and* are perplexed *and* unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair;

⁹ We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven), but not deserted [to stand alone]; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out *and* destroyed;

¹⁰ Always carrying about in the body the liability *and* exposure to the same putting to death that *the Lord Jesus* suffered, *so that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be shown forth by and in our bodies*.

¹¹ For we who live are constantly [experiencing] being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, *that the [resurrection] life*

of Jesus also may be evidenced through our flesh which is liable to death.

12 Thus death is actively at work in us, but [it is in order that our] life [may be actively at work] in you.

Phil 3:10-16 amp [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know *the power outflowing from His resurrection* [which it exerts over believers], and *that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]*

11 *That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].*

12 Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) *and* make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me *and* made me His own.

13 I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured *and* made it my own [yet]; but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.

15 *So let those [of us] who are spiritually mature and full-grown have this mind and hold these convictions;* and if in any

respect you have a different attitude of mind, God will make that clear to you also.

2 Cor 3:18 amp And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His *very own* image in ever increasing splendor *and from one degree of glory to another*; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

ENDING MONTAGE

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**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it
is written:**

*“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”*

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are *more than*
conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am
persuaded that neither **death nor life, *nor angels***
nor principalities nor powers, nor things present
nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, *nor*
any other created thing, shall be able to separate us
from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our
Lord. *and the peace of God, which surpasses all*
understanding, will guard your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.