

# Colossians 1 - Learning to Suffer Well

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21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach

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## Acts 16

30 the jailer said to Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved"

## Romans 10

9 if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved

## Galatians 3 (NLT)

2 Let me ask you this one question: Were you saved by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You were saved because you believed the message you heard about Christ.

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## Godly Truths about Suffering

1. Suffering is normal and serves a purpose
2. Suffering does not define you, your response does

## **Responding to Suffering**

1. Don't focus on escaping
2. Ask Jesus, what do you want me to see in this
3. Do a heart check for your motivation

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25 Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, 26 that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, 27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

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28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

## **Ministry**

Ministry is lifestyle, not a job, and your deepest pain provides you with the greatest opportunity for ministry