

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

(Godly Wisdom – Our Compass at the Crossroads of Life)

Part 21 – Suffering In Sanctification

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1. Conquer _____ suffering. (_____)

Proverbs 24:10 (NLT), "If you **fail under pressure**, your strength is **too small**."

John 16:33 (NLT): "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth, **you will have many trials and sorrows**. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Proverbs 3:11–12 (NLT): "My child, don't reject the **Lord's discipline**, and don't be upset when he **corrects you**. For the Lord corrects those he **loves**, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights."

Psalms 42:5 (NLT): "Why am I **discouraged**? Why is my heart so **sad**? I will put my **hope** in God! I will **praise** him again, my Savior and my God!"

Psalms 34:18 (NLT): "The Lord is close to the **brokenhearted**; he **rescues** those whose **spirits are crushed**."

2. Endure _____ suffering. (_____)

Job 1:20-22 (NLT), "²²In all of this, **Job did not sin by blaming God**."

Job 2:6-10 (NIV), (In all this, **Job did not sin in what he said**.)

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NLT), "⁸We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about **the trouble we went through** in the province of Asia. We were **crushed** and **overwhelmed** beyond our **ability to endure**, and we thought we would **never live through it**. ⁹In fact, **we expected to die**. But as a result, we stopped relying on **ourselves** and learned to rely only on **God**, who **raises the dead**."

Psalms 30:5 (NIV): "**Weeping** may stay for the **night**, but **rejoicing** comes in the **morning**."

3. Accept _____ suffering. (_____)

1 Peter 4:12-14, 16 (GW), "¹²Dear friends, don't be **surprised** by the **fiery troubles** that are coming **in order to test you**. Don't feel as though something strange is happening to you, ¹³but **be happy** as you **share**

Christ's sufferings. Then you will also be **full of joy** when he appears again in **his glory**. ¹⁴If you are **insulted** because of the **name of Christ**, you are **blessed** because the Spirit of glory – the Spirit of God – is **resting on you**. ¹⁶If you **suffer** for being a **Christian**, don't feel **ashamed**, but praise God for being **called that name**."

2 Corinthians 11:23-27 (NLT), (The persecution of the Apostle Paul)

Romans 8:18 (NIV): "I consider that our **present sufferings** are **not worth comparing** with the **glory** that will be **revealed in us**."

Psalms 138:7 (NLT), "Though I am surrounded by **troubles**, you will **protect** me from the **anger** of my **enemies**. You reach out your **hand**, and the **power** of your **right hand saves me**."

4. Embrace _____ suffering. (_____)

Luke 22:42-44 (NIV), (Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane)

Matthew 16:24 (NASB), "²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must **deny** himself, **take up his cross**, and **follow Me**."

Philippians 1:29-30 (NLT), "²⁹For you have been given not only the **privilege of trusting in Christ** but also the **privilege of suffering for him**. ³⁰We are **in this struggle together**. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that **I am still in the midst of it**."

Philippians 3:8-11 (ESV), "⁸Indeed, I **count everything as loss** because of the surpassing worth of **knowing Christ Jesus** my Lord. For his sake I have **suffered the loss of all things** and count them as **rubbish**, in order that I may **gain Christ** ⁹and be **found in him**, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith, ¹⁰that I may know him and the **power of his resurrection**, and may **share his sufferings**, becoming like him in his **death**, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the **resurrection** from the dead."

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT), "¹⁷For our **present troubles are small** and won't last very long. Yet they **produce for us a glory** that vastly **outweighs** them and **will last forever**! ¹⁸So we **don't** look at the **troubles we can see** now; rather, we **fix our gaze** on things that **cannot be seen**. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we **cannot see will last forever**."