

ROMANS 12:12

STEADFAST HOPE

Big Idea: Because our future is secure in Christ, believers can face every circumstance with joyful hope, enduring patience, and persistent prayer.

REJOICE IN HOPE (*Romans 12:12a*)

- What is the difference between worldly optimism and biblical hope, and why does that distinction matter? (e.g. 1 Peter 1:3-5; Hebrews 6:19)
- How does focusing on our future inheritance in Christ help us maintain joy in the present? (e.g. Romans 8:18; Colossians 3:1-4)
- What promises of God have strengthened your faith during difficult seasons? (e.g. Lamentations 3:21-24; 2 Corinthians 1:3-11, 20)

BE PATIENT IN TRIBULATION (*Romans 12:12b*)

- Why do believers often struggle to endure suffering faithfully, and what truths help us persevere? (e.g. James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5)
- How have you seen God use hardship to deepen your faith or refine your character? (e.g. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 1:6-7)
- What practical steps can help us remain faithful when trials seem overwhelming? (e.g. Isaiah 40:31; Romans 8:28; Galatians 6:9)

CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER (*Romans 12:12c*)

- Why is prayer often the first thing neglected during busy or difficult seasons? (e.g. Luke 10:38-42)
- How does persistent prayer reveal trust in God's sovereignty and goodness? (e.g. Philippians 4:6-7; Luke 18:1-8)
- What changes might occur in our lives, families, and church if we devoted ourselves more consistently to prayer? (e.g. Acts 2:42-43; 4:23-31)