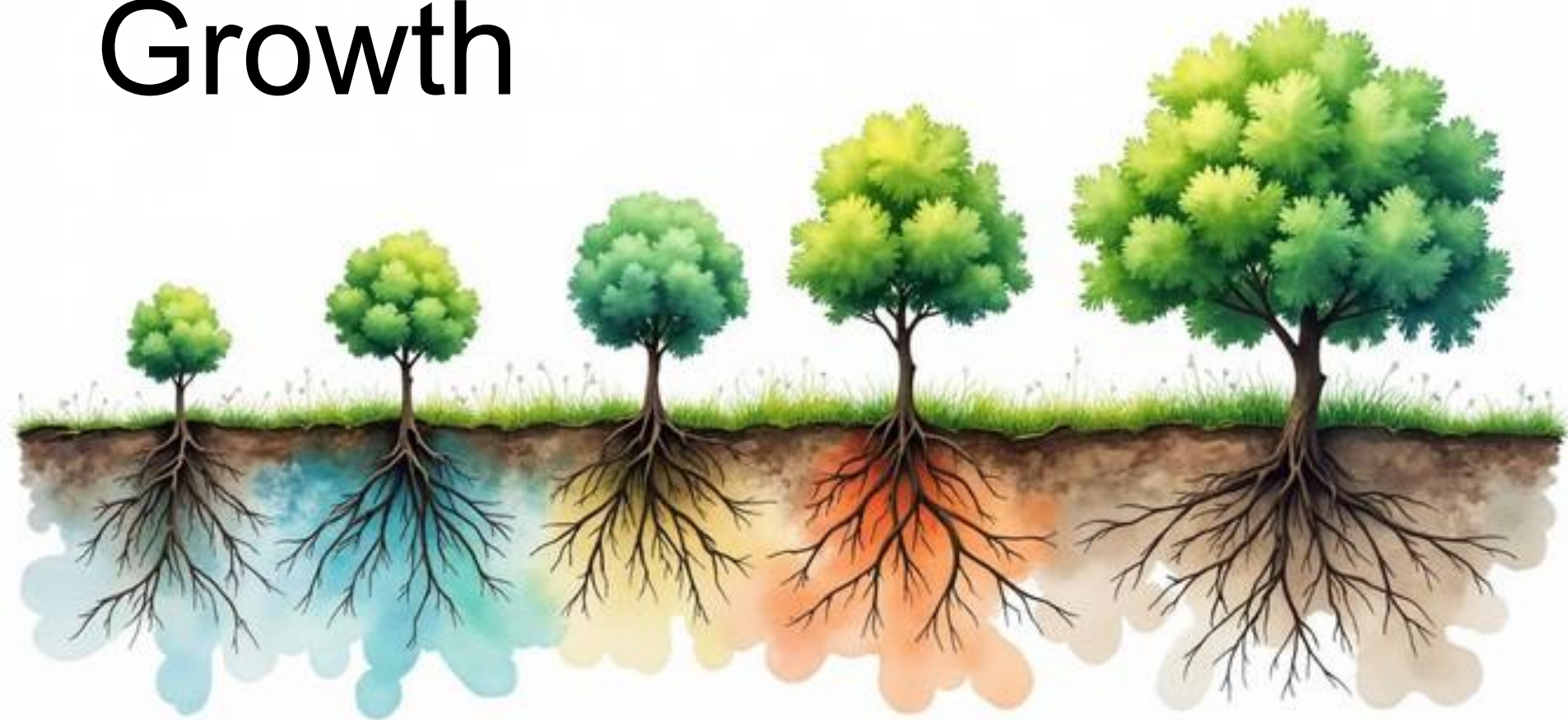


Fundamentals Of Spiritual Growth



Agenda

- Recap
- Purpose of Suffering
- Central Question
- Chains
- Attitude
- Fire

Course Preview

- 7: Holy Spirit--Agent of Growth
- 8: Abiding in Christ / Rest
- 9: How the Word Transforms
- 10: Prayer
- 11: Purpose of Suffering
- 12: God's Timing

Philippians 1:6

⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

A close-up photograph of a car's side-view mirror. The mirror is oval-shaped with a black frame and a gold-colored outer casing. It reflects a desert landscape with a long, straight road stretching into the distance. The road is flanked by dry, sandy terrain. In the lower right corner of the mirror's reflection, there is a white warning text.

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The Journey So Far

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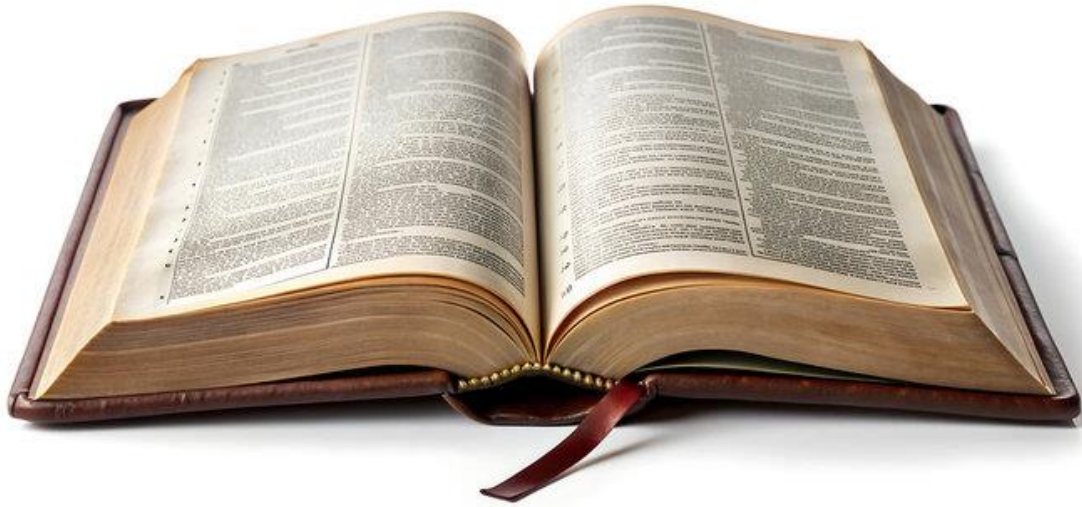
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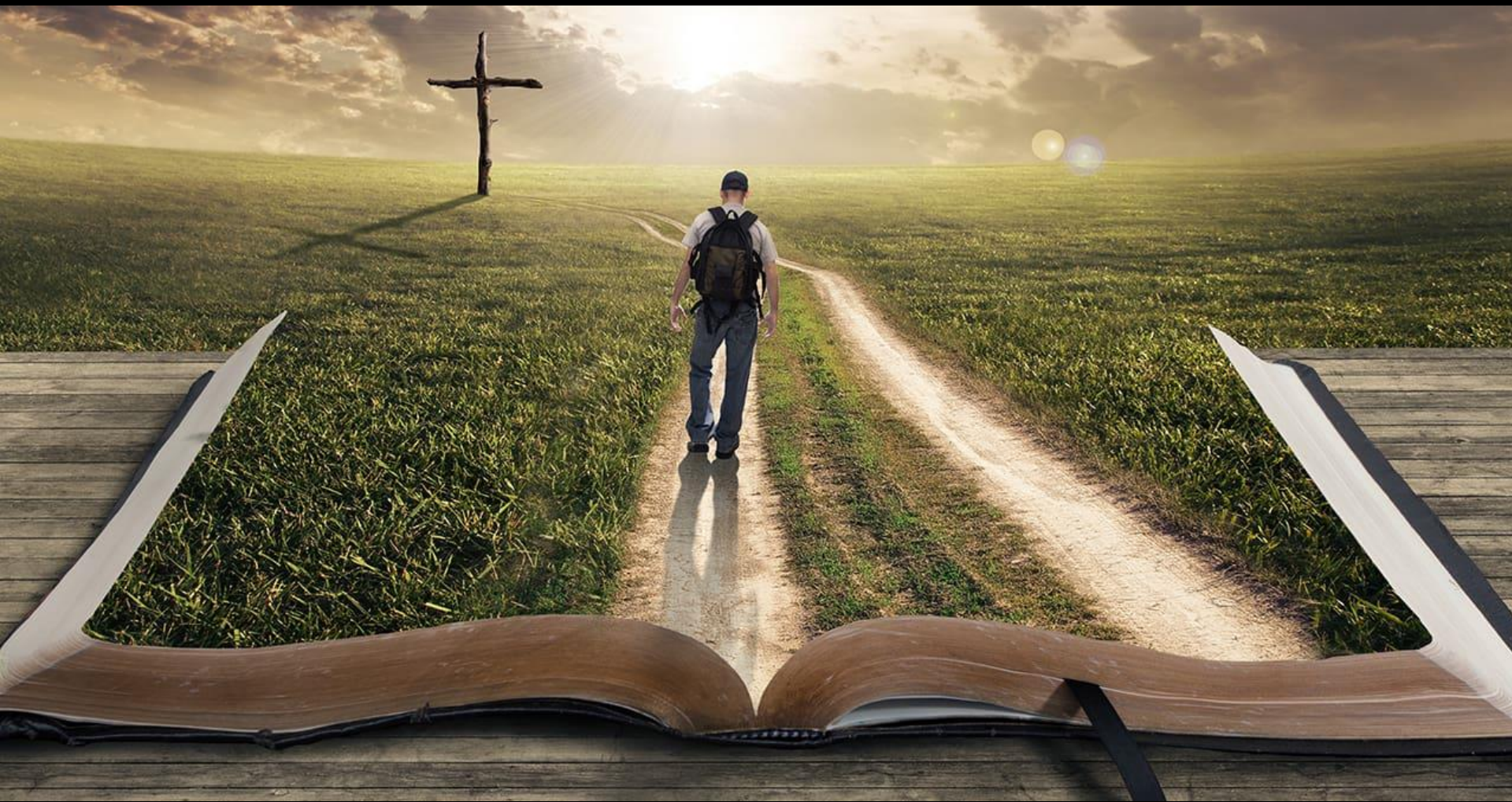
The Journey So Far



- **1-2:** *Who* you are
- **3-4:** *How* to take possession of it and *how* to gain freedom
- **5:** The ground you *stand* on
- **6:** The mechanism of *faith*
- **7:** The *agent* who does the work
- **8:** The *posture* that follows
- **9:** The *food* that sustains it
- **10:** The *conversation* you have

Speaking of last week...





Alignment



-Purposeful

-Intentional

-Targeted





James 1:2-4

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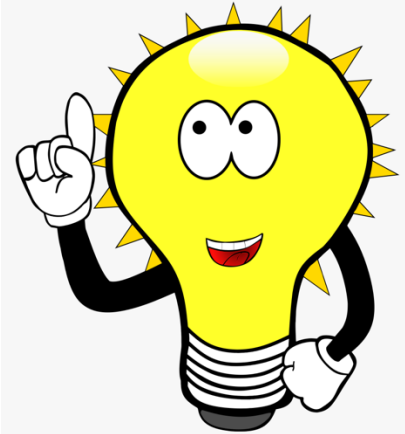
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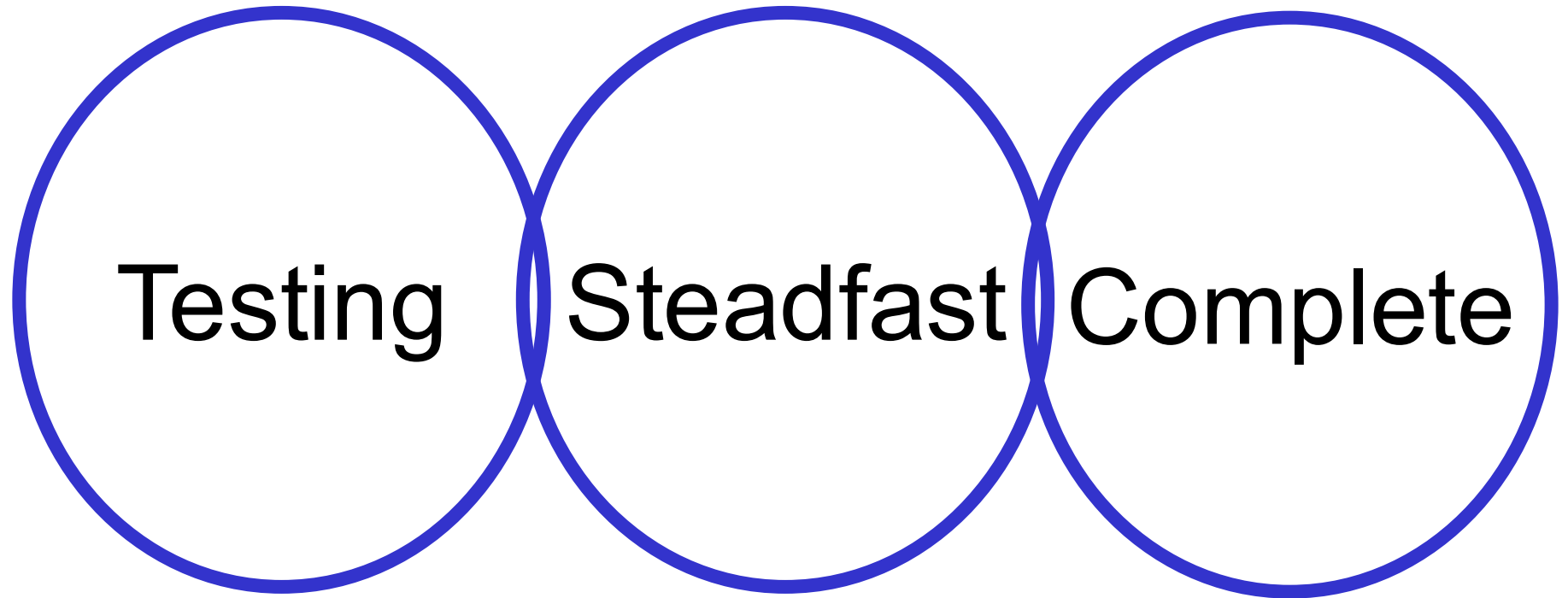


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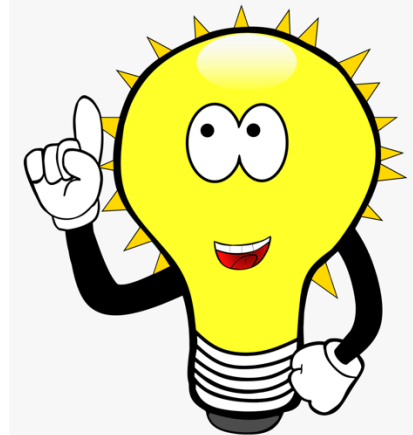


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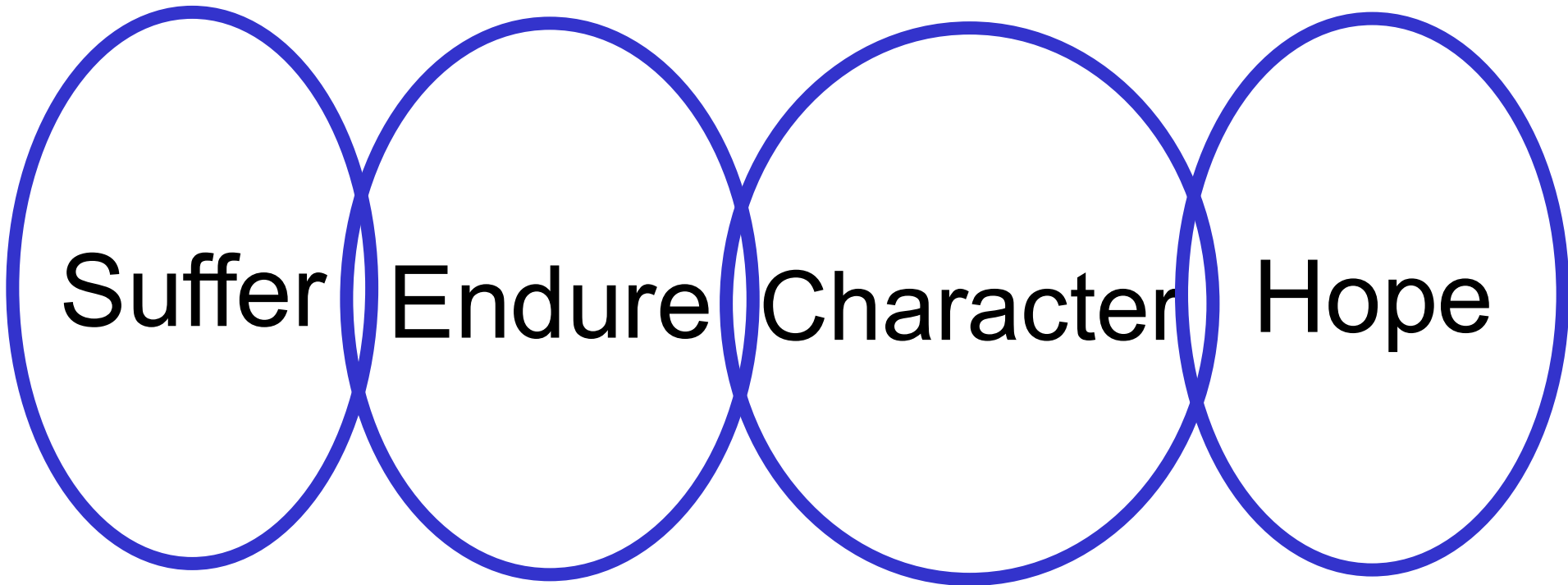


Romans 5:3-4

³ ...we rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces
endurance, ⁴ and endurance
produces character, and character
produces hope...



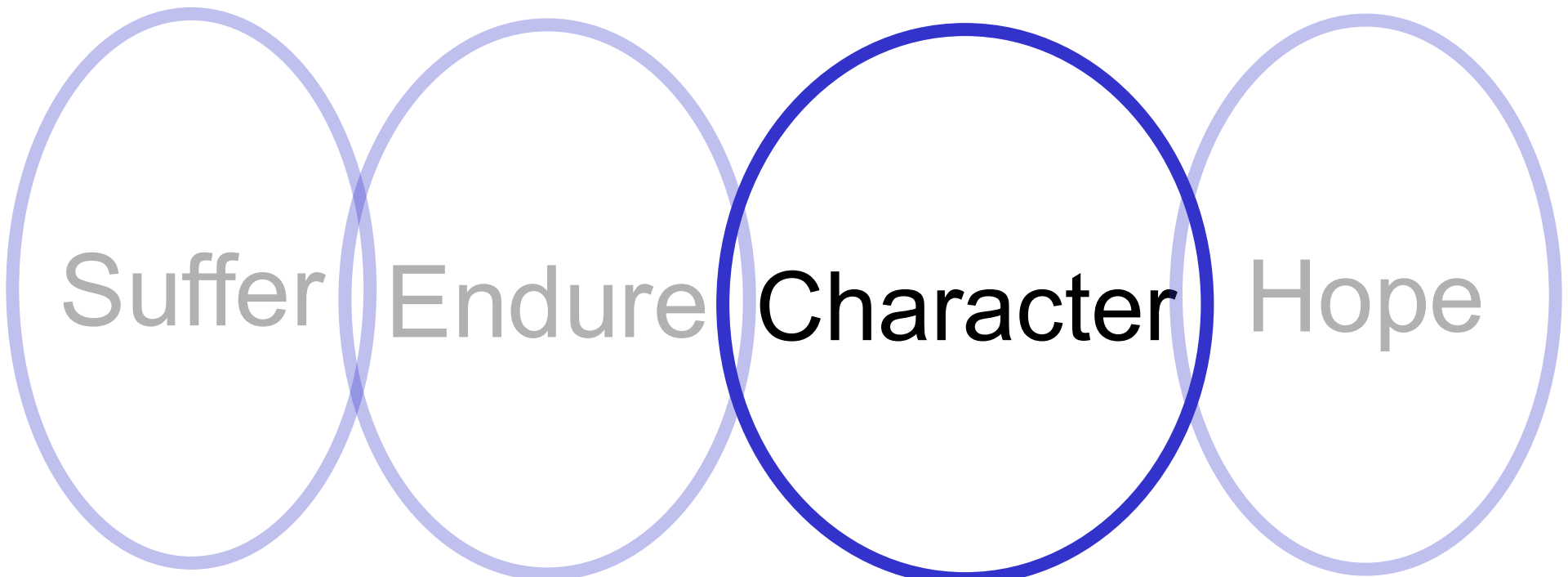
Romans 5:3-4



Romans 5:5

⁵ ...and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5



Suffer

Endure

Character

Hope

“testing”

“refining”

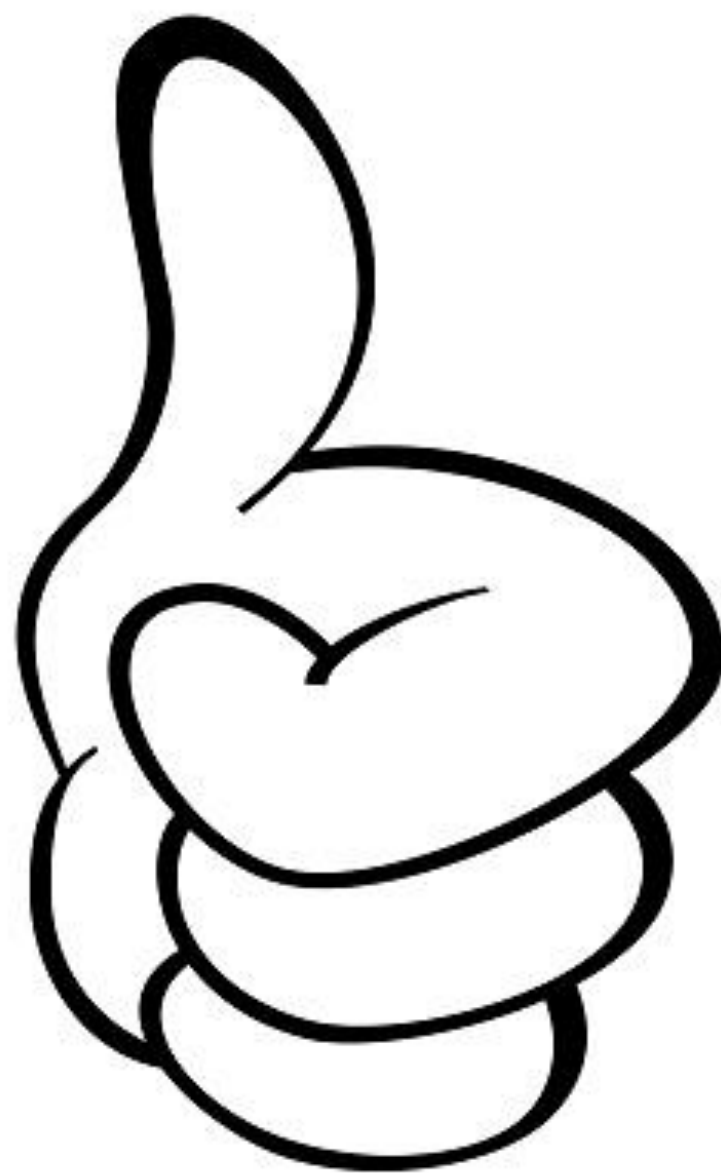
“proving”



1 Peter 1:6-7

⁶ ...you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.





Romans 8:28-29

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Hebrews 5:8

⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered.

Philippians 2:5-7

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men

Hebrews 12:2

² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.





