



THE ESSENTIALS [Resource Sheet]

One Mission: Romans 5:3-5*

When You Suffer

October 23rd, 2016

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Message NOTES:

I. Suffering Defined

II. The Passage: "Rejoice in Our Sufferings" (5:3-5)

1. Suffering in Light of What God Will Do (vs. 3, 4)

2. Suffering in Light of What God Has Done (v. 5)

III. Undeterred

* From our Four Essentials Memory Verses booklet. Hope you will join us as we memorize God's word together!

Growth Groups! [Questions to Get You Talking]

1. Take a few minutes to talk about what ideas stood out to you from Sunday's message, or what questions you might have after hearing it.
2. In Acts 5, God releases Peter and the other apostles from unjust imprisonment under the Jewish leaders. Read Acts 5:25-29, 33-34, and 40-42 to learn what happened next (if you prefer, read the whole account in 5:12-42). How do we know the apostles had a God-centered focus as they experienced suffering? What could have been the result of their suffering? What was the result?

3. Though your suffering might differ from theirs, how might this story about Jesus' first followers encourage you in the hard and painful challenges you are facing/will face?

From Knowing to Showing

Take a minute to think about a difficult trial or painful challenge you are experiencing right now, or experienced recently. Based on what you've heard and read from God, how might He encourage you in light of your suffering? Write down several encouragements on note cards or on your phone and keep them close at hand.

Pointers for Parents

All of us deal with suffering, even our children. Think of a story from your life that you can share with your children to encourage them that God can and does use even our hardest times to pour out His greatest blessings.

REMINDERS

* Our **Growth Groups** are meeting this week! This, includes our **Youth** Growth Group (grades 6-12), which meets this evening at 6:00pm at the Way of Grace Ministry House.

* Our **Men's Breakfast** is scheduled for this Saturday, October 29th at 7:30am at the Ministry House. Men and young men 13-113 are invited. And bring a friend!

* Upcoming dates to keep in mind: *Church Family Lunch* (Nov. 6), *Praying Together* (Nov. 7), and *Child Dedication* (Nov. 13).

* God has given so generously to us. In response, let's give generously to God's work through this local church family. Your **tithes and offerings** may be placed in the offering box in back.