

5 Comforting Truths When We Suffer

1) Suffering Sets Us in the Best Position to Receive and Experience God's Comfort

"For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ." (2 Corinthians 1:5)

2) Suffering Shapes Us into Comforters and Encouragers

"If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer." (2 Corinthians 1:6)

3) Death Leads to Life

"We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body." (2 Corinthians 4:10-11)

4) Suffering Is the Birthplace of Renewal and Transformation

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16)

5) Suffering Precedes Eternal Glory

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." (2 Corinthians 4:17)

EMBRACE Suffering With Confidence

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:18)