

Faith in Suffering

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The sufferings of this world will come to an end one day, when we enter into our home in heaven. Before we earn our eternal reward, we must glorify God in every season. Since the day we came into this world, we have needed help. Our parents have guided us through every stage of our lives. From the day we were baptized into Christ, God also has guided us through life's challenges.

Jesus understands the suffering and pain that we go through in this world because He experienced the same things. Second Corinthians 1:5 says, "For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ." We can gain comfort through knowing Christ understands what we go through each day. We can find hope through Him! Suffering comes and goes throughout our lives. We can still experience times of joy and happiness, if we put our hope in the Lord.

Paul is a man who suffered greatly. He experienced tremendous pain and loss but still kept his faith in God. In Philippians 4:11-13, Paul tells us to be content in every season. It says, "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Paul went through so much in his life! Even though he suffered in prison, he still learned to be content in his circumstances!

It is challenging to be content in all circumstances throughout our lives. We have to remember this world is not our home. God has a place prepared for us that's unimaginable. First Corinthians 2:9 says, "However, as it is written: what no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived—the things God has prepared for those who love him." Our Father has prepared a home in heaven for us, where there will be no pain and suffering. We must look to the goal set before us and not the pains of this world. Let's remember in times of suffering to take comfort in Jesus, to have outstanding faith like Paul, and to look forward to the reward that is prepared for us as children of God!