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When Suffering Threatens to Outlast Your Faith

Hebrews 10:32-39

Baby Christians with Giant Faith Hebrews 10:32-34

"For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one." – Hebrews 10:34

- *"showed sympathy"* - The incredible unity and compassion of the first century church
- *"accepted joyfully"* - same Greek word, "charas" used to describe the emotion the disciples felt when seeing the resurrected Jesus in Luke 24:41
- *"A better possession and a lasting one"* - These first generation Christians placed their hope in the eternal not the temporary

So Don't Give Up Now! Hebrews 10:35-39

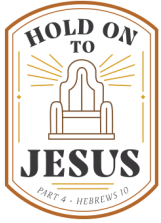
"Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward." – Hebrews 10:35

- How we respond to these 3 questions will determine if we shrink back or persevere in our faith
 - Q1: Have you forgotten me?
 - Q2: How long will this go on?
 - Q3: What is the point?

Hold Onto Jesus When Suffering Threatens To Outlast Your Faith Hebrews 12:2

"fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." – Hebrews 12:2

- Hebrews 12:2a - We hold onto Jesus who suffered more than anyone
- Hebrews 12:2b - We hold onto Jesus who endured and conquered suffering, sin and death
- Hebrews 12:2c - We hold onto Jesus who intercedes on our behalf



DIGGING DEEPER

HEBREWS 10:32-39

1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. ***“Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life.”***

2 Read the Text: Hebrews 10:32-39 & John 16:5-15

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Pray, “Lord, teach me about the suffering I have experienced in my life. How have I suffered in my life? Teach me about it. Are there places in my story that seem irredeemable? Places of hopelessness? Things I am afraid to bring up in my story? Are there places in my story I have failed to adequately mourn? God, are you inviting me to mourn that? How are you inviting me to hope?”
- Consider John 16:5-15. Attend to the Spirit’s work. Ask, “Lord, how is Your Spirit at work in my life right now?”
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: “[Man of Sorrows](#)” by Hillsong

5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God’s loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

Here is a powerful prayer prayed by the puritans in the 19th century when they faced suffering, ***“I pass through a vale of tears but bless thee for the opening gate of glory at its end. Enable me to realize as mine the better, heavenly country. Prepare me for every part of my pilgrimage, uphold my steps by thy Word.”***

6 Blessing

May you know that ***“after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.”*** **1 Peter 5:10**

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “**Card**” to **970-00**

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together this fall with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group by filling out the Leader Interest Form at calvarylife.org/groups

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at CalvaryLife.org

RESOURCES

Worship Services: Our Worship Services will be streamed live online from the Worship Center each Sunday at 9:30am in English and there is also a service streamed live from the Chapel in Spanish at 11:00am. Find ways to watch and resources for you and your family on our website at calvarylife.org/live We also have on-campus outdoor services now available. RSVP is required - learn more and sign up on our Church App. Find out more at calvarylife.org/app

Family Activities: Find ways to help “do church” with your kids and fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at calvarylife.org/town

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at calvarylife.org/help

Ways to Give: Please pray for those who are affected economically by this virus and for our church finances as well, that God would sustain and provide through this challenging season. Please consider mailing a donation to the church or you can give online simply and securely this week at calvarylife.org/give

Corner Books + Coffee: Now open Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, and after each Sunday on-campus service. At the Corner, we believe a good book can change a life, especially God’s Word. So, every purchase provides an opportunity to help fuel Bible distribution locally and translation globally. Come support some amazing causes and discover great resources for you, your family and your friends. calvarylife.org/corner

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Thank you for joining us on campus to worship! Reserve your seats weekly using the Church Center App (available in the App Store or Google Play) or online at calvarylife.org/oncampus

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give, I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live

Chorus: I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me Jesus take me now

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me Savior wholly Thine, Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee, Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me

Jesus We Love You

Old things have passed away, Your love has stayed the same, Your constant grace remains the cornerstone,
Things that we thought were dead, Are breathing in life again, You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights

Chorus: For all that You've done we will pour out our love, This will be our anthem song,
(Jesus) we love You, Oh how we love You, You are the one our hearts adore

The hopeless have found their hope, The orphans now have a home, All that was lost has found its place in You,
You lift our weary head, You make us strong instead, You took these rags and made us beautiful

Bridge: Our affection our devotion, Poured out on the feet of Jesus

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Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus: Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay
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Man of Sorrows

Man of sorrows Lamb of God By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns

Chorus: Oh that rugged cross my salvation Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah Praise and honour unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones Who nailed Him to that tree

Bridge: Now my debt is paid It is paid in full By the precious blood That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin Has no hold on me Whom the Son sets free Oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised He's risen from the grave

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