



OPENING DISCUSSION

If the Bible is clear on anything, it is clear that God's people are not immune to pain and suffering in this world. Why then do you think the experience of pain so often causes people to feel God has neglected them?

SERMON

What is one part of the sermon that made you think differently about enduring pain and suffering?

What does Paul tell us is the root of our ability to endure hardship? How is this different from what the world teaches us?

What do you think about the progression from suffering to endurance to character to hope? Have you experienced this in your life?

How much of a part does hope play in your life? What do you hope for?

Have you experienced any disappointment with regard to your hopes? How can you use this to grow in your maturity?

How does it feel that God has poured out His love for us in the person of the Holy Spirit?

APPLICATION

Are you experiencing any pain or suffering now that you need to learn to rejoice in?

Can you think of any pain in your past that has followed this trajectory from pain to endurance to character to hope? How has it worked out for you?

Are there any situations in which you are still in process? What is your next step?

How might you use your past experiences to have hope for the future?

How might you use your past experiences to give hope to others?

How will you live out this passage in the coming week?

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“Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

God's Word, the Bible (James 1:4 NIV)



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The Mature Christian Endures

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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 5:1-5

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Week 39 of 2020-2021 Sermon Series: Transformed

- MATURITY -

The Mature Christian Endures (Romans 5:1-5)

TRANSFORMATIONAL PRINCIPLE:

Don't let the _____ distract you from your _____.

1. Make _____ with God. (1-2)

2. Don't waste your _____. (3)

3. Endure to _____. (4-5)

RESPONSE:

How is your _____ on your journey of _____?



- Week 1:** Because we are prone to conform, we must let God transform. (Romans 12:1-2)
- Week 2:** Because of all Jesus has done, surrender what you think you know. (Mark 8:34-37)
- Week 3:** If we really want to know what to do, abandon the world's ways for God's ways. (Isaiah 55:6-11)
- Week 4:** Accept that the world's ways are at odds with the ways of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18-30)
- Week 5:** If you want to be transformed, you must learn to deal with your sinful nature. (Romans 8:1-11)
- Week 6:** Look past what is seen and believe what is unseen. (Hebrews 11:1-6)
- Week 7:** Overcome the world with love and humility. (Romans 12:9-21)
- Week 8:** Recognize that the purpose of our transformation is not personal or private. (Mark 10:42-45)
- Week 9:** Individual transformation happens best in the midst of united community. (Hebrews 10:19-25)
- Week 10:** Some may go and some may stay: but working together, God is transforming the world through the power of the gospel. (Philippians 4:10-20)
- Week 11:** Transformed people do the work of God like it's second nature. (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Week 12:** Transformed prayer leads to a transformed mind. (Philippians 4:4-9)
- Week 13:** A transformed heart will change the way you talk to others. (Ephesians 4:29)
- Week 14:** Transformed people unite in transformed community. (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- Week 15:** Right attitude speaks louder than right action alone. (Philippians 2:14-18)
- Week 16:** Transformed people are on the go. (Romans 10:8-17)
- Week 17:** Recognize your need for a Savior. (Matthew 1:18-23)
- Week 18:** Learn to see the spiritual battle for your soul that is going on in and around you. (1 John 3:1-10)
- Week 19:** Don't miss the truth when it's right in front of you. (John 18:33-38)
- Week 20:** Abundant life must have boundaries. (John 10:1-10)
- Week 21:** The promise of everlasting life changes what we value in this present life. (Matthew 6:19-24)
- Week 22:** Demonstrate God's love in our relationships to experience a healthy, life-changing community. (John 15:12-17)
- Week 23:** Prayer intimately connects us to the one who has invited us to call Him Father. (Luke 11:1-13)
- Week 24:** The practice of withdrawing, waiting on God, and being still helps us to better recognize and cherish God's presence in everyday life. (Luke 5:16; John 7:6; Psalm 46:10)
- Week 25:** The best way to humbly serve is by following Christ's example. (Acts 2:44-45; Philippians 2:2-15; Mark 8:34)
- Week 26:** Your walk with others should reflect your walk with Jesus. (Ephesians 5:6-21)
- Week 27:** The church is modeled at home. (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- Week 28:** Parents are to nourish their children spiritually. (Ephesians 6:1-4)
- Week 29:** Work hard in all you do as though it were Jesus Himself ... because it is! (Ephesians 6:5-9)
- Week 30:** On God's team, communication is key. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Joshua 1:8)
- Week 31:** Know when to be quiet and trust. (Psalm 46)
- Week 32:** Learn to say no to what doesn't add value or bring glory to God in your life. (Acts 13:1-3; 1 Timothy 6:6)
- Week 33:** Be considerate of your part in someone else's story. (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Acts 20:35; 1 Peter 4:9)
- Week 34:** Because of Jesus we are freed from sin to have a new beginning. (Romans 6:1-14)
- Week 35:** Only because of the cross can we break free from the past. (Philippians 3:13-21)
- Week 36:** Because of the cross, you can break free from what others think to focus on what God thinks. (Matthew 10:26-33)
- Week 37:** As a child of God, don't allow yourself to fall back when the path is forward. (Romans 8:12-17)
- Week 38:** Flee from the ways of the world and pursue maturity. (1 Timothy 6:10-12)

READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE CHRONOLOGICALLY IN A YEAR

May 09: 2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18	May 12: Psalm 65-67, 69-70
May 10: Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75	May 13: 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20
May 11: 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19;	May 14: Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122
Psalm 20	May 15: 2 Samuel 13-15

