

LONGSUFFERING

Mid-Week Bible Study
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GALATIANS 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is



love, joy, peace,

patience,

kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness,

self-control;

against such things there is no law.

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
Meekness, temperance: against such there is no
law.

Long-Suffering

God-given tolerance for pain

SUFFERING (Dictionary.com)

Agony, torment, torture; pain, distress



J. Wharton

**“Pain by any other names,
still hurts.”**

SUFFERING

- Your cat, my dog
- My house, your mutual funds
- Your this, my that...
- Suffering carries some form or pain.

Sadness is an un-invited guest,
so is pain.

TYPES OF SUFFERING

- Physical
- Mental
- Spiritual

WHY?

In most cases not all, suffering is due to a loss, lack, missing some mark.

**“When we focus on our pain, we
cannot see God.”**

The Shack

**We were not promised
a pain free life.**

**God promised that he would
never leave or forsake you.**

HEBREW 13:5

Let **your** conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will **never leave** thee, **nor forsake** thee

**WHEN WE LOOK AT LIFE
THROUGH THE KEYHOLE OF OUR PAIN,
WE FEEL ALL ALONE.**



**PAIN CAN TWIST US UP INSIDE
AND MAKE US DO
THE UNTHINKABLE.**



**“IF PAIN IS LEFT UNRESOLVED,
IT WILL CAUSE US TO MISS OUR
GOD GIVEN PURPOSE/DESTINY”**

THE SHACK

REASONS WHY

WE HAVE TO LEARN
HOW TO SUFFER
AND SUFFER
L---O---N---G.

SPIRITUAL HEAVY WEIGHTS

DEVELOPMENT AND MATURITY OF OUR TOLERANCE FOR PAIN IN ADVERSITY AND TIMES OF TROUBLE.

*THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING, BEING CONFORMED TO HIS DEATH.
PHILIPPIANS 3:10*

REBUKE OUR SIN

Corrective

GALATIANS 6:7

**Be not deceived; God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth,
that shall he also reap.**

PSALM 118:17-19 (KJV)

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord: Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the **joy** that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

GLORIFY GOD

The chief duty of man is to Glorify God

THE SUFFERING HALL OF FAME

-Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus

-There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job

THE SUFFERING HALL OF FAME – KING DAVID

-When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

-Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

THE SUFFERING HALL OF FAME - JESUS

He is despised and rejected of men;
a man of sorrows,
and acquainted with grief.

I JOHN 5:20

Remember **the** word that I said unto you, **The servant is not greater than his lord.**

If **they** have persecuted me, **they** will also persecute you.

**HAVE A BLESSED
EVENING!**

