



THERE IS
HOPE
in God

EVEN IN THE DARKEST TIMES.

PSALM 42:5
"PUT YOUR HOPE IN GOD,
FOR I WILL YET PRAISE HIM."

Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

Christian Suffering

Unfortunately, suffering is a part of life. We will hurt physically and emotionally. How should the Christian think about suffering? How should they respond to suffering? This week, we will discuss this issue. I pray you find it encouraging and challenging.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

When God Feels Silent, He's Still Present

Read: Psalm 13:1-2; Hebrews 13:5

Sometimes we might feel like the psalmist as he writes the beginning of Psalm 13. We get to feeling like God's not there and that He does not care about our life issues. Then shame sets in. We start to believe our suffering is insignificant and start to ask ourselves, "Why would a God who is so big care about little 'ol me?" The answer to that question is that you are His child who bears His image. In times when we feel like God is silent and doesn't care for us, we must remind ourselves of the gospel. We must remind ourselves that our value to God is so deep that He sent His only Son to die on a cross for us so that we could have eternal life with Him. We must remind ourselves of Hebrews 13:5, where He promises that He will neither leave you nor forsake you. You are precious to our Lord. In times of hurt and trouble, God is there with you in the struggle.

Have you ever gone through a season where God felt distant or silent? What was that experience like?

Why do you think suffering can make us question whether God cares about us?

The devotional says we must "remind ourselves of the gospel." Why is the gospel something we need every day, not just when we first become Christians?

When you go through hardship, are you more likely to trust your feelings or God's promises? Why?

What are some practical ways you can remind yourself of God's faithfulness when He feels silent?

Pray

Thank God for being there with you in your hurt, even when you don't "feel" Him.

Sing

Christus Victor

CHRISTUS VICTOR

O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, Our song
Our sure salvation

CHORUS:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory,
power for the battle You have won
Hallelujah, amen.

O most high dwelling among us
Son of man, sent for sinners
By your blood you have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died
Who rose victorious

CHORUS 2:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory,
power for the battle You have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the
angels in the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah, amen.



O most high King of the nations
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day, who will not tremble?
When You stand, Christ the Victor
Who was, and is
And is forever

TUESDAY

Suffering Shapes Us

Read: James 1:2-4

People are going to encounter trials. That's what makes life so extraordinarily hard to deal with. We're going to have seasons in our lives where we suffer. Out of all the ways James could have started his letter, he chose to comfort his audience with words of encouragement about suffering through trials. James is saying that our suffering shapes us into who God is calling us to be. Suffering makes us steadfast, otherwise known as being spiritually tough. And that spiritual toughness will produce in us a completion where we lack nothing. To lack nothing means to be like Christ. This means that our suffering is making us more like Christ. And who suffered more than Jesus Christ? Betrayed, beaten, humiliated, crucified, and forsaken... He is the ultimate picture of suffering. When you suffer, pray. And as you pray, don't forget to thank God for the opportunity to be made more like Christ. God is shaping you to be more holy. Suffering gives us an unprecedented opportunity to glorify God in ways we wouldn't otherwise be able to.

What are some of the trials people your age commonly face?

How have you seen difficult circumstances change someone for the better?

How does Jesus' suffering help us understand our own suffering?

The devotional says that becoming "complete" means becoming more like Christ. What are some Christlike qualities that can grow during seasons of suffering?

The devotional encourages us to thank God even in suffering. What makes that difficult? What are some things we can genuinely thank Him for during a trial?

Pray

Ask God to continue to make you more like Him, even if it takes suffering.

Sing

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss,
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe;
all who are longing to see His face,
will you this moment His grace receive?



WEDNESDAY

A Savior who knows Suffering

Read: John 11:33-35

When Jesus saw everyone weeping at the loss of their beloved family member and friend, Lazarus, he was moved. If you have ever lost someone close to you, you know the feeling of that heartache. It's an ache that has no salve. Jesus loved Lazarus as well. When we get to that shortest verse in Scripture, John 11:35, we see so many things going on at once wrapped up in those 2 words "Jesus wept." We see Jesus communicating that this was never the way it was supposed to be. Death wasn't something that God created, but something that came into the world due to our sin. We also see Jesus' humanity. He feels like we do. When we think about suffering, we can be encouraged that we have a Savior who knows suffering. He knows heartache. He knows physical pain, as seen in his crucifixion. He knows despair, as seen when he cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Thank God that we have a Savior who understands our broken hearts.

Why is it important to remember that Jesus was fully human as well as fully God?

Why do you think Jesus wept, even though He knew He was about to raise Lazarus from the dead?

How does knowing that Jesus experienced sorrow, pain, and grief encourage you when you're suffering?

What does Jesus' example teach us about expressing grief and sadness?

How can we better comfort someone who is grieving instead of trying to "fix" their pain?

Pray

Thank God that we have a Savior who understands our broken hearts.

Sing

He Will Hold Me Fast

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last



THURSDAY

We Suffer with Hope

Read: Romans 8:18

When I was a kid, my dad decided he was going to stop complaining so much. So what he did was he put a rubber band on his wrist, and every time he complained he would put the rubber band on the other wrist. The goal was to get to where he could keep the rubber band on the same wrist for an entire day. It took him about 3 months, but he finally did it!

We are prone to complaining about our lives, especially when we're in a season of suffering and trials. If we find ourselves exclusively focusing on our suffering, it is natural and easy to lose hope. When compared to the glory that we have in store in Christ, however, all our complaining seems a bit foolish, doesn't it? We will suffer in this life; that much is true. But the joys of eternity with Christ diminishes the view of our suffering to nothing when we truly take time to think about the hope we have to look forward to in our eternity with Christ in Heaven.

What are some things people tend to complain about most often?

Does Paul mean that our suffering isn't real or doesn't matter? Why or why not?

How does keeping our eyes on eternity change the way we view the difficulties we're facing today?

What's the difference between pretending our suffering doesn't exist and choosing to focus on the hope we have in Christ?

Can you think of a Biblical example of someone who endured great suffering while still demonstrating joy and hope? What can you learn from their example?

Pray

Thank God for the hope we have in eternal glory with Him in Christ.

Sing

His Glory and My Good

HIS GLORY AND MY GOOD

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know
His glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good



FRIDAY

Faith in the Fire

Read: Daniel 3:16-18

King Nebuchadnezzar tried to make sure Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego suffered in the fiery furnace. He wanted them to suffer so badly that he heated the furnace to seven times hotter than usual. The men putting them into the furnace even burned up! What I find the most amazing about this story is that before the men are put into the furnace, they say, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace... but if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego welcomed suffering for the sake of God's glory. We can learn a lot from their example. Maybe you'll have the opportunity to have faith in the face of certain suffering. My prayer is that you and I would have the same level of faith as they. That we might be able to say, "But if not, we will not serve false gods or worship a false image."

The three men said, "Our God is able to deliver us... but if not..." What does this statement teach us about genuine faith?

What are some "golden images" people are tempted to bow down to today?

Can you think of a time when God didn't remove a difficult circumstance but gave you the strength to endure it?

What do you think it looks like to glorify God in the middle of suffering instead of simply trying to escape it?

If you knew obeying God would make your life more difficult this week, what would faithfulness look like?

Pray

Pray that God would give you the courage to have the same type of faith as these men.

Sing

And Can It Be

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

