

# Going Deeper

## 5- Day Devotional

### Week 2, Day 3: Steadfastness in the Storm

#### Verse of the Day

Romans 5:3-5

“Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.”

#### Primary Focus Statement

Steadfastness is choosing to remain faithful to God in the storm instead of taking control in the pressure.

#### Devotional Teaching

Steadfastness means to remain. To stay. To endure under pressure without walking away from God’s will, God’s word, or God’s ways.

This is where faith becomes costly. Because when pressure comes, everything in you wants relief. And the fastest way to find relief is often to take control.

When finances get tight, control looks like manipulation. When relationships get hard, control looks like withdrawal or retaliation. When uncertainty rises, control looks like anxiety-driven decisions.

But steadfastness chooses something different. It chooses to remain. It chooses to trust. It chooses obedience even when it is hard.

Paul lays out a progression in Romans. Suffering produces endurance. Endurance produces character. Character produces hope. That means what you are walking through right now is not wasted. It is producing something in you.

God is using the pressure to reveal where your trust is incomplete. Not to shame you, but to invite you deeper. To invite you into a more real, more dependent, more surrendered relationship with Him.

The question is not whether you will be tested. The question is how you will respond when you are.

Will you take control, or will you remain?

## **Reflection**

Where are you currently tempted to take control?

What does remaining faithful look like in that situation?

What is God possibly trying to produce in you through this trial?

Do you believe His way is better even when it is harder?

## **Action Step**

Identify one area where you are trying to control the outcome and intentionally surrender it to God in prayer today.