



Lesson 9 — Suffering and Faith

Romans 5:1–11 · 1 Peter 1:3–8 · Romans 8:35–39

Name _____

Date _____

Measure God's love by the cross, where he proved it.

Follow Along

1. 2 Corinthians 4:9 — persecuted but not _____.
2. Romans 5 — Paul boasts in hope, in afflictions, and in _____ himself.
3. Affliction is a word for _____, the weight that presses down on you.
4. Romans 5:3 — affliction produces _____.
5. Romans 5:4 — proven character is a tester's word for _____ that comes out genuine.
6. Romans 5:5 — God's love has been _____ out in our hearts.
7. Romans 5:8 — God _____ his own love: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
8. 1 Peter 1:6 — grief in various trials, for a short time, if _____.
9. 1 Peter 1:7 — your faith is more valuable than _____ refined by fire.

Three Boasts

Write what Paul boasts in each time.

THE FIRST BOAST

THE SECOND BOAST

THE THIRD BOAST

Romans 5:2

Romans 5:3

Romans 5:11

How Much More

Paul describes you four ways. Write what God did for you while you were each one.

WHAT YOU WERE

WHAT GOD DID

Romans 5:6

helpless

Romans 5:6

ungodly

Romans 5:8

sinners

Romans 5:10

enemies

Who Can Separate Us?

Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Romans 8:35.

What's pressing on you that you've been afraid might come between you and God? Name it here, then read Romans 8:39 over it.

Measure It by the Cross

Four questions to take home. Nobody reads these but you.

1 What has your suffering been telling you about God, and does the cross agree?

2 Where have you been reading God's love off your circumstances instead of the cross?

3 Think back to a hard season. What did it produce in you that you couldn't see at the time?

4 Who near you is hurting, and what would it look like to keep showing up after the first week?

Three Things Before Sunday

- ☐ Read Romans 5:1–11 out loud every morning this week. Each time you reach verse 8, stop and say it a second time.
- ☐ Write down the name of one person you know who's suffering, and pray for them by name every day. If you can, tell them you're doing it.
- ☐ Read Philippians 4:10–20 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 before next class. In Philippians 4:12, count the circumstances Paul names, and notice how many are good times.