



## II Timothy 3:12

“Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

## James 1:2

“Consider it all joy, my brethren, *when* you encounter various trials.”

## Colossians 1:24

“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake.”

## Joy in Suffering

- 1) Trust in the Sufficiency of the Word of God

## Job 13:16

“This also will be my salvation.”

## Peter O'Brien

"The ground for the apostle's rejoicing is that he knows that he will be vindicated by God in the heavenly court. He is sure of this whether he is acquitted by Caesar's tribunal and discharged from prison or not. Paul knows that his captivity has been divinely appointed for the defense of the gospel. And like Job he can count on God's faithfulness for his final vindication."

## Romans 8:28

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

## Job 19:25-26

“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take the stand on the earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God.”

## Joy in Suffering

- 1) Trust in the Sufficiency of the Word of God
- 2) Rely on the Supplication of the Saints

## II Corinthians 8:10-11

“And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through *your prayers*, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.”

## Ephesians 6:18-19

“With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and *pray on my behalf*, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.”

## II Thessalonians 3:1

“Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you.”

## Joy in Suffering

- 1) Trust in the Sufficiency of the Word of God
- 2) Rely on the Supplication of the Saints
- 3) Depend on the Supply of the Spirit

## Matthew 10:19-20

“But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of the Father who speaks in you.”

## Romans 8:26

“In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”

## Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

## Galatians 5:22-23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

## Joy in Trials

- 4) Rest in the Surety of God's Promises
- 5) Trust in the Sovereign Plan of God

## Philippians 3:10-11

"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."

## II Timothy 4:6-8

“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”