

## **Called to Make a Difference Growing Through Suffering**

**Text: 1 Peter 5:5-14**

*Four strategies for how we can grow through suffering.*

- i. Humble yourself before the Lord
- ii. Resist the devil

### **3. Trust the Lord**

How can I trust God in the midst of a crisis?

*(1) Put the trial in perspective.*

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Cor. 4:17-18.

*I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is*

*the daily pressure upon me of concern for all the churches.”*

2 Cor 11:23-30

*(2) Put God in perspective.*

*(3) Put God’s calling and purpose for you in perspective.*

*(4) Put God’s purpose for trials in perspective.*

*After you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. (NLT)*

God will do four things for us as we go through times of suffering.

- i. He will *restore* us.
- ii. He will *support* us.
- iii. He will *strengthen* us.
- iv. He will place you on a *firm foundation*

**4. Stand firm with other saints in God’s true grace (5:12-14).**