

The New Testament

Romans 8:17-21

Matthew

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Luke

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1/2 Corinthians
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Jude

Revelation

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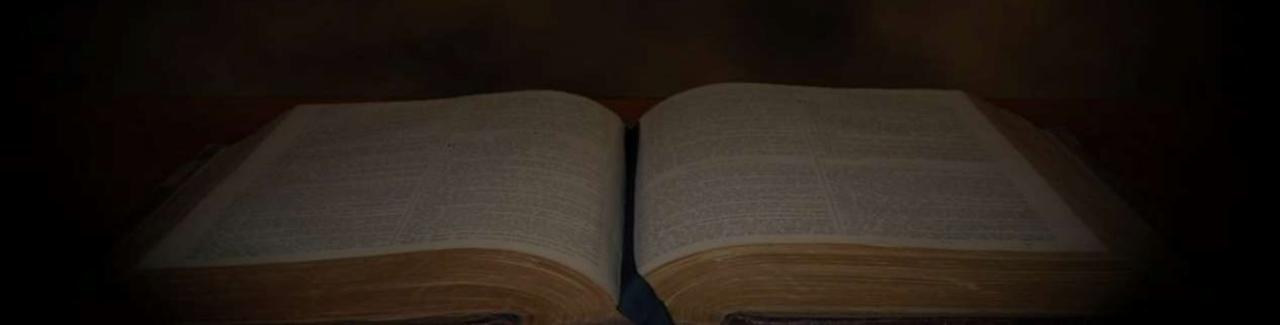
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"For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it,

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"in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.











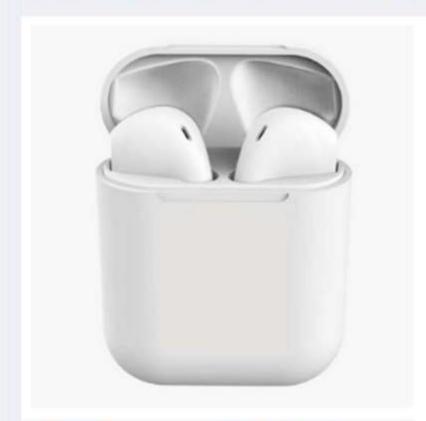








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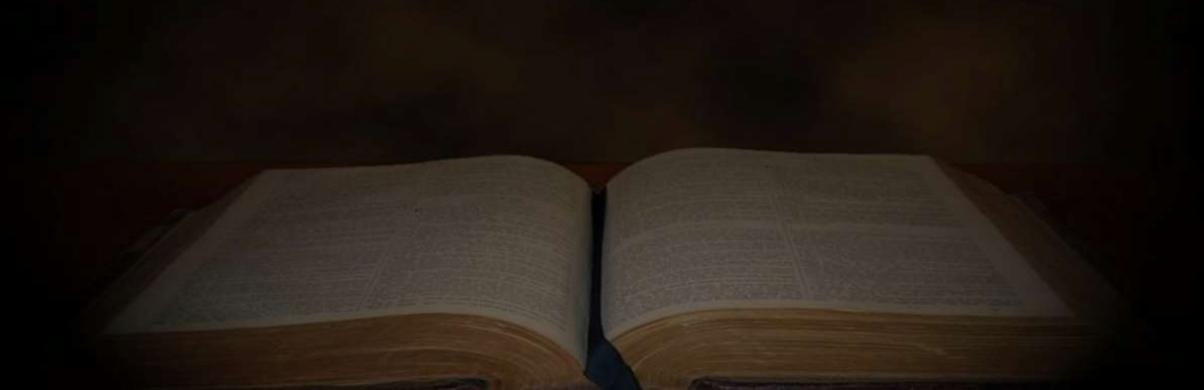






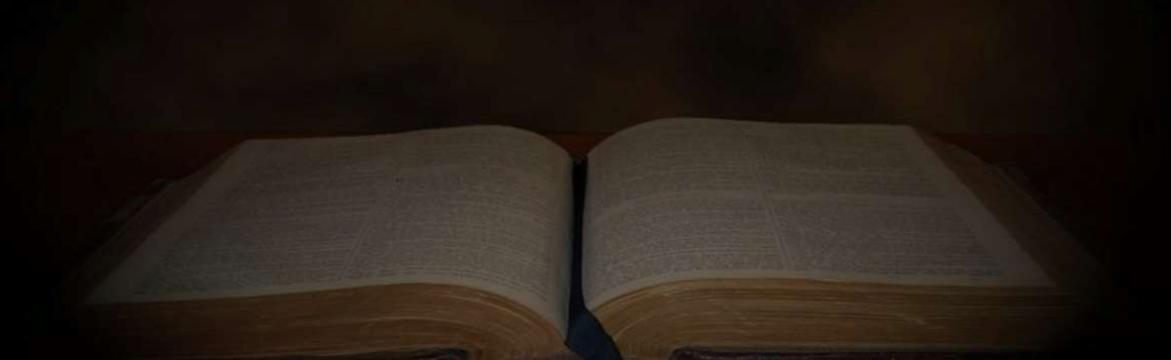
Romans 8:14

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."



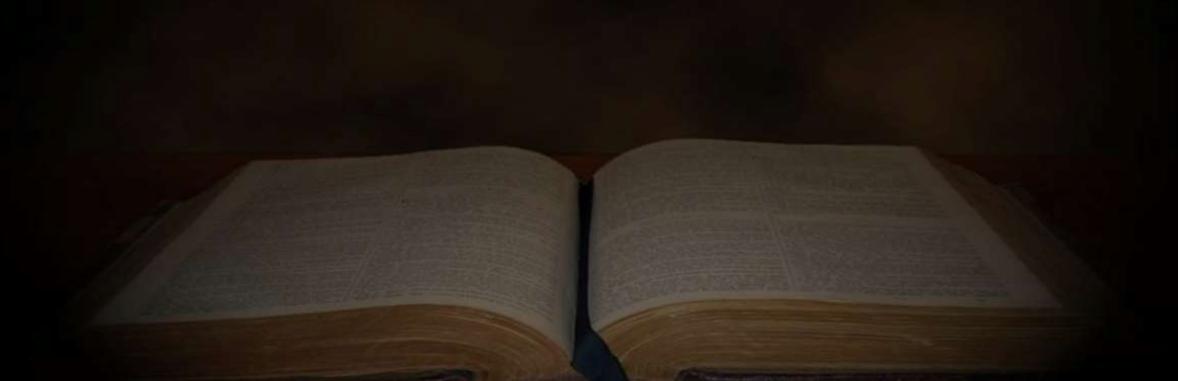
Romans 8:15

"... the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship."



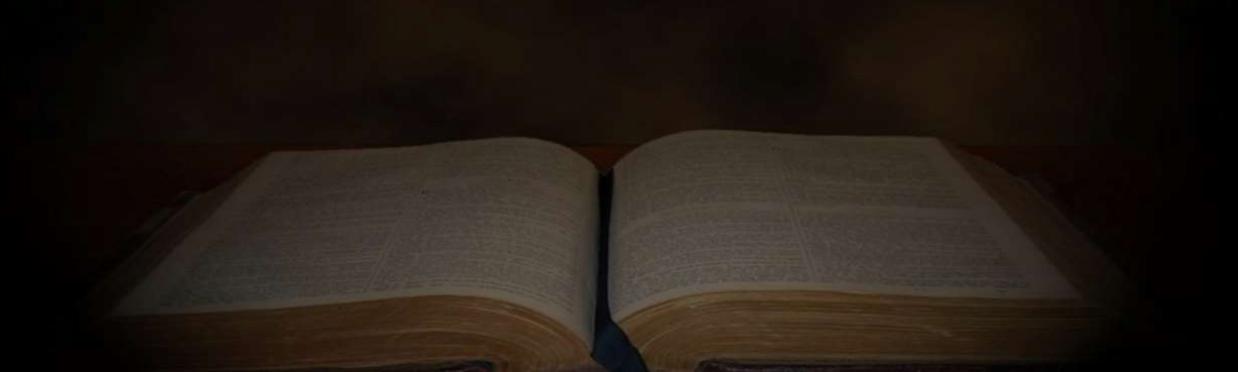
Romans 8:16

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."



Romans 8:17a

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Suffering and glory are inseparable.

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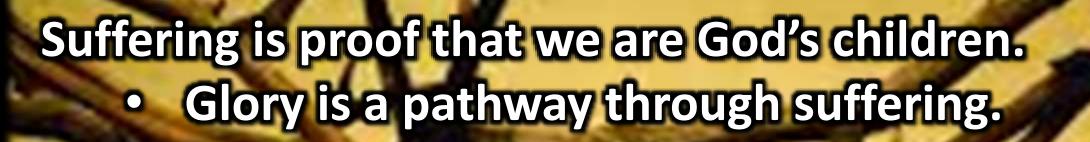
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 - Groaning is the response required to face a satisfying / disappointing world.

"Groaning in Hope"





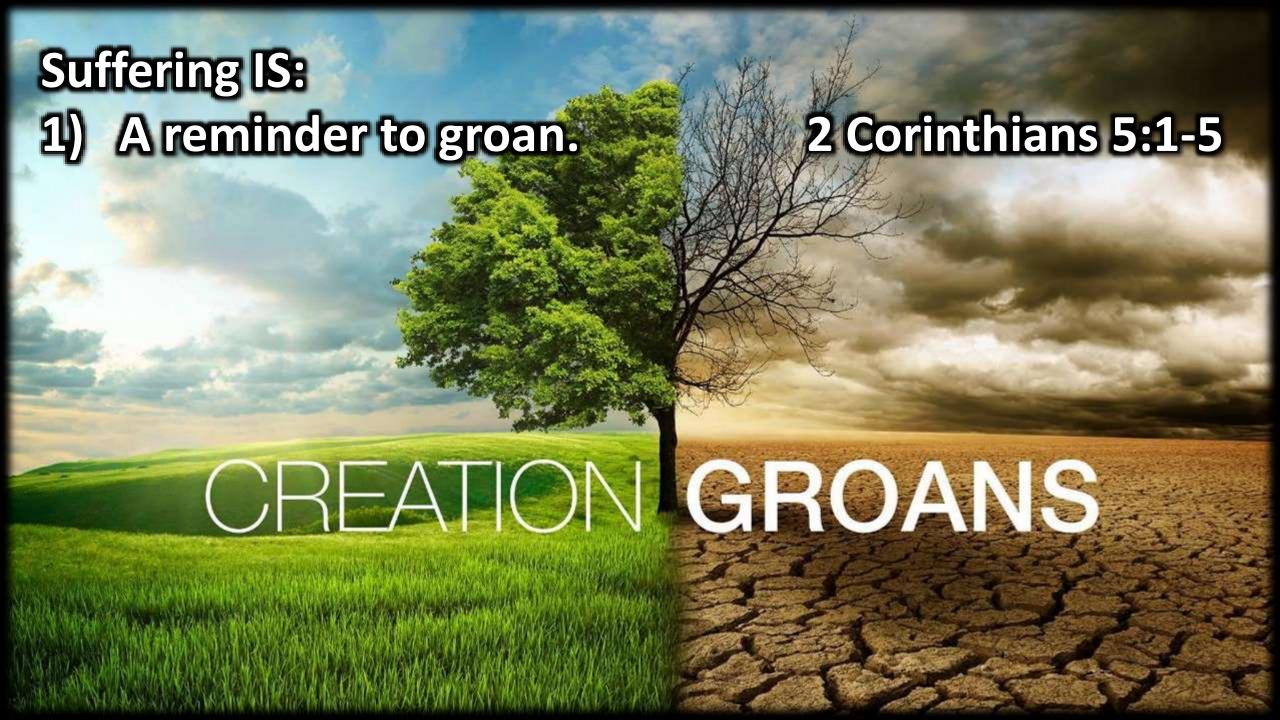
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- 4) A way of maintaining God's favor.



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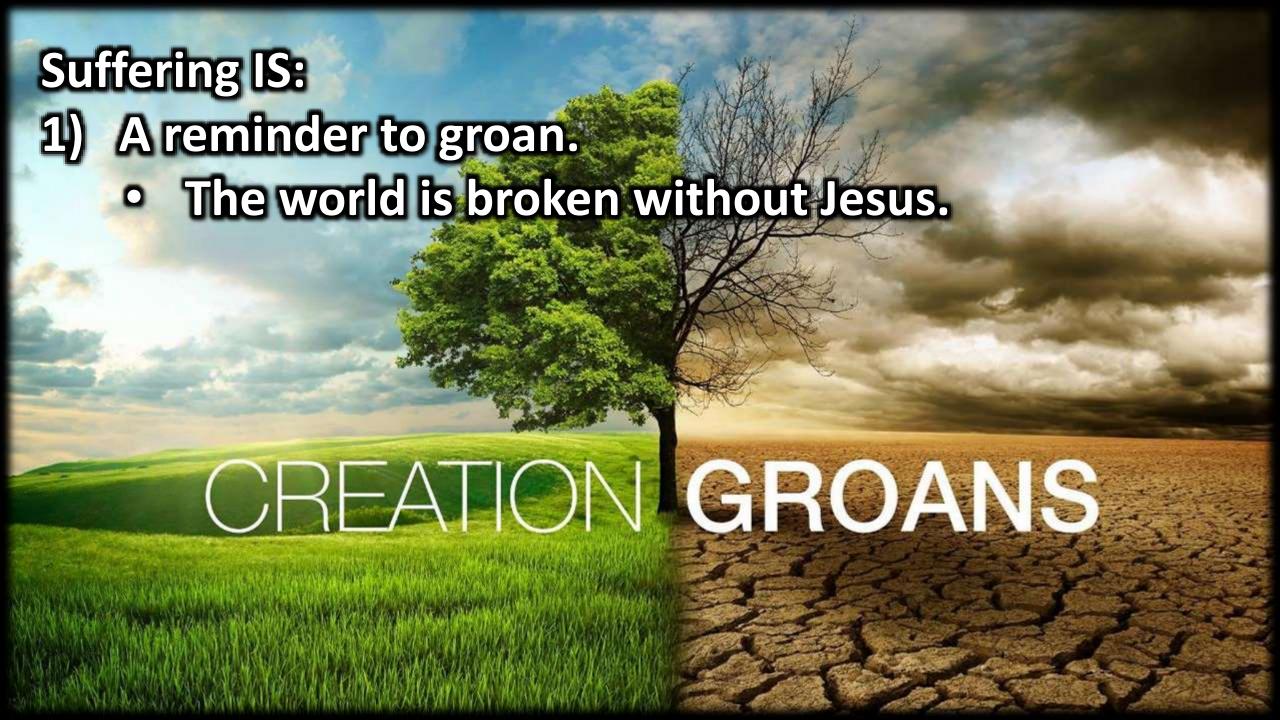
"For we know that
if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,
we have a building from God,
an eternal house in heaven,
not built by human hands.

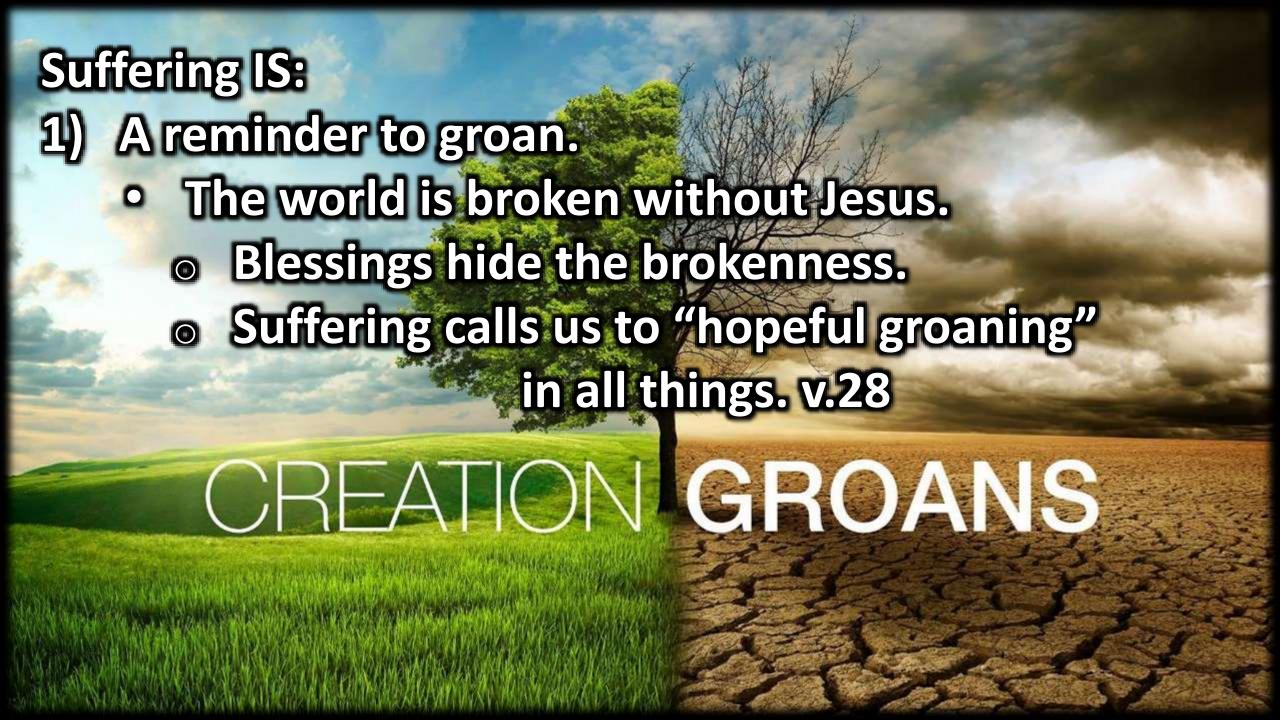
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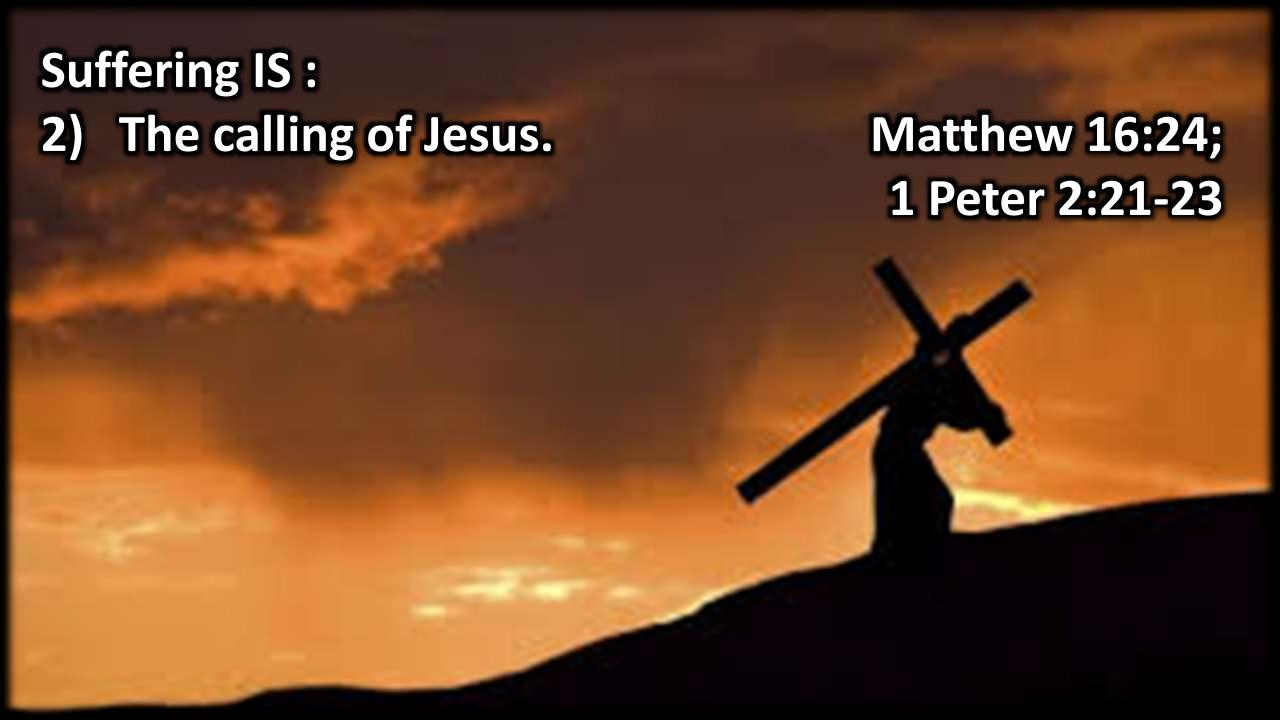
"Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling... For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling...

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"Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

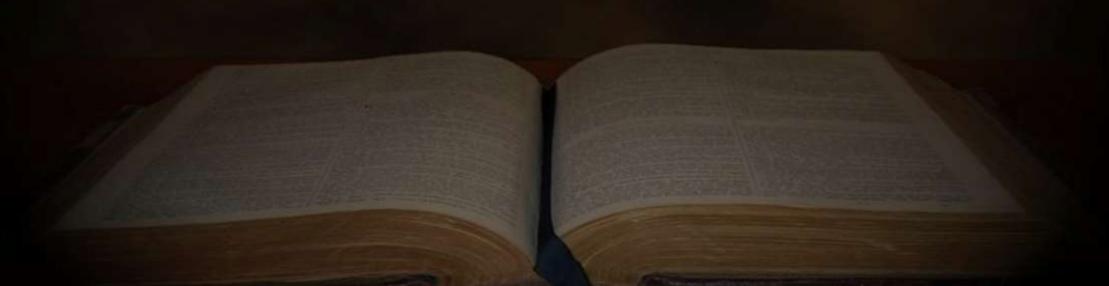






Matthew 16:24

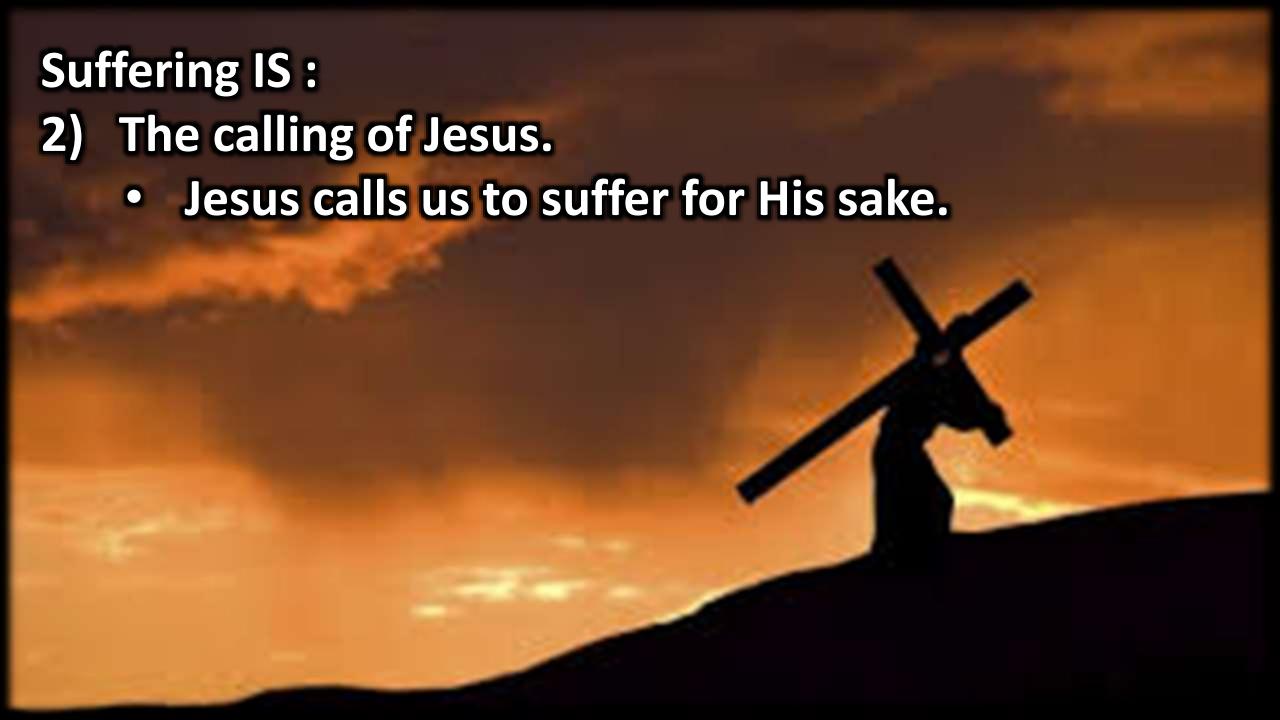
"Then Jesus said to his disciples,
'Whoever wants to be my disciple
must deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me."

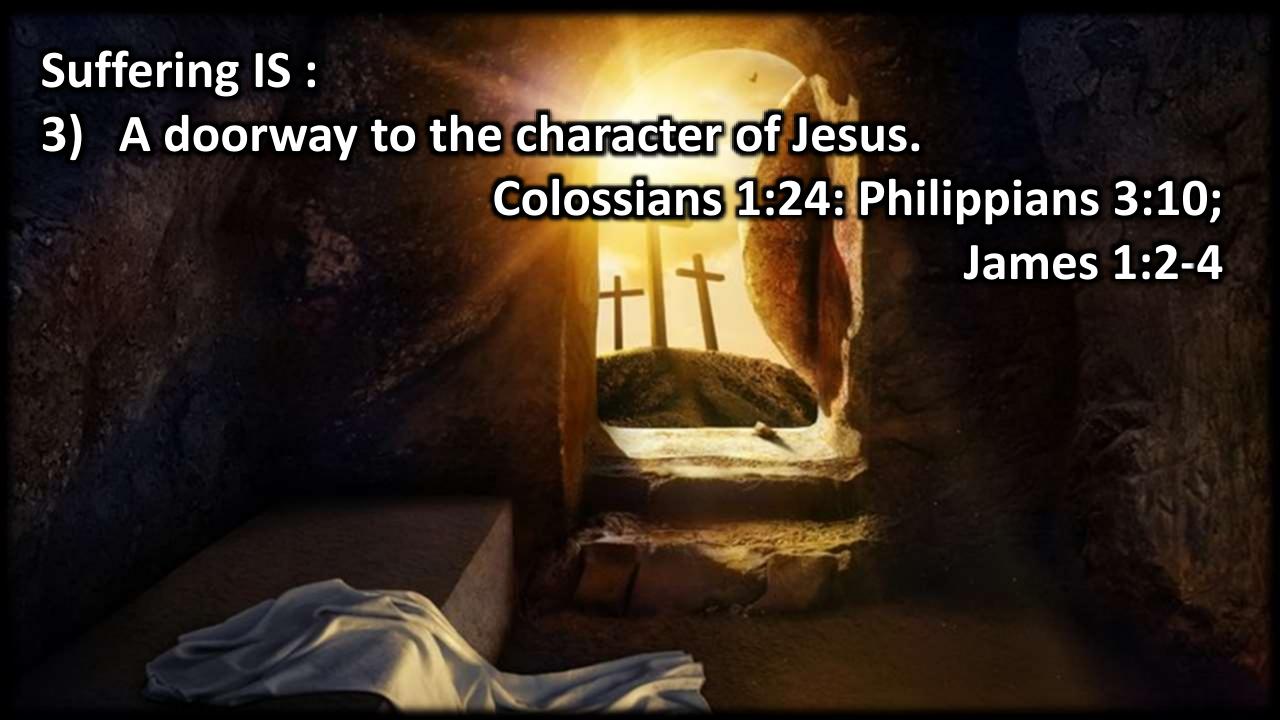


1 Peter 2:21-23

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

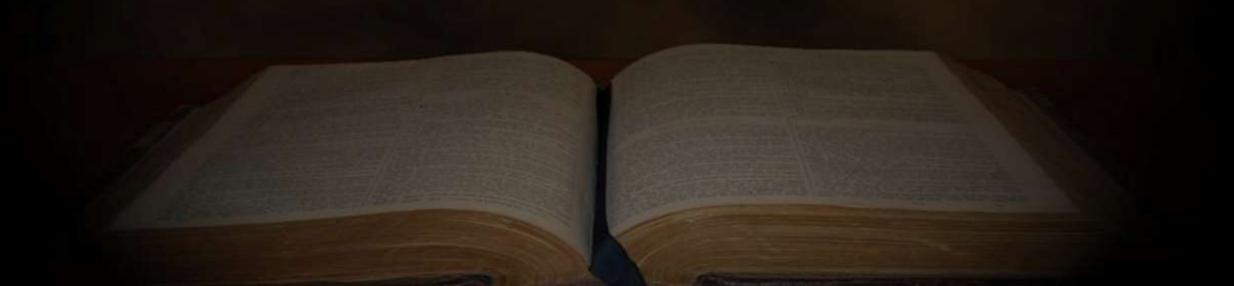
"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."





Colossians 1:24

"Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church."



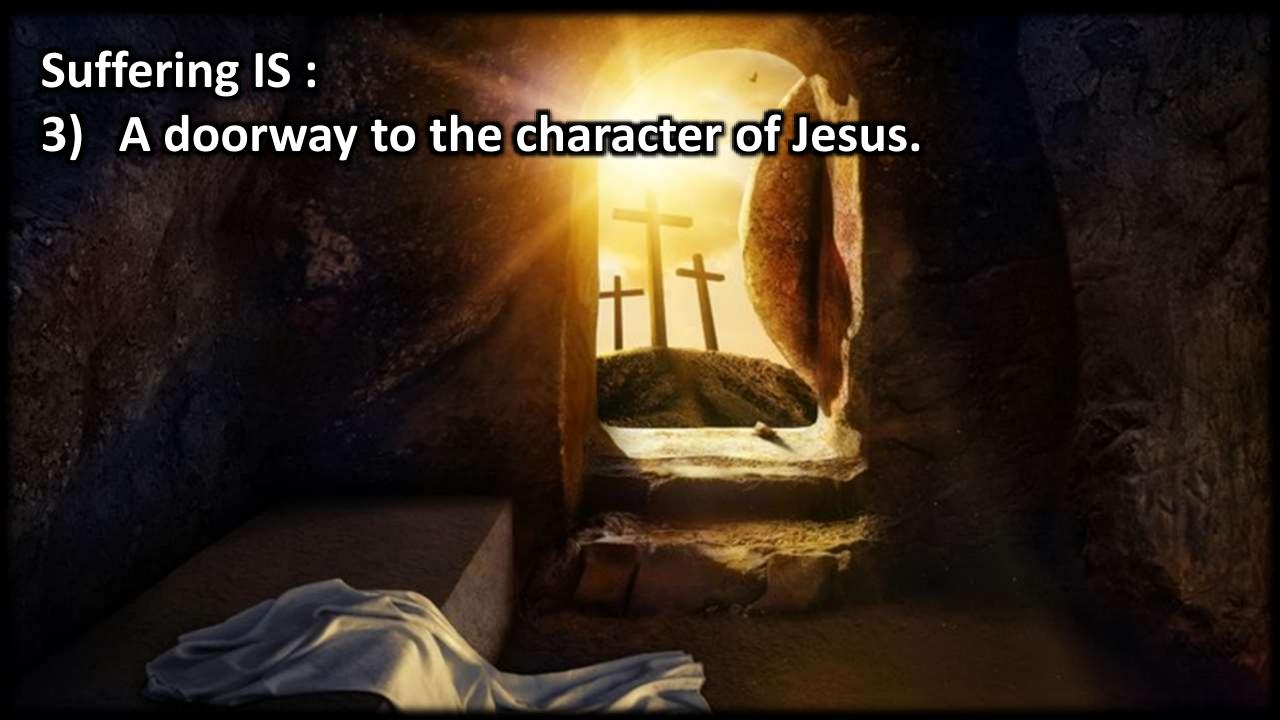
Philippians 3:10

"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death..."

James 1:2-4

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

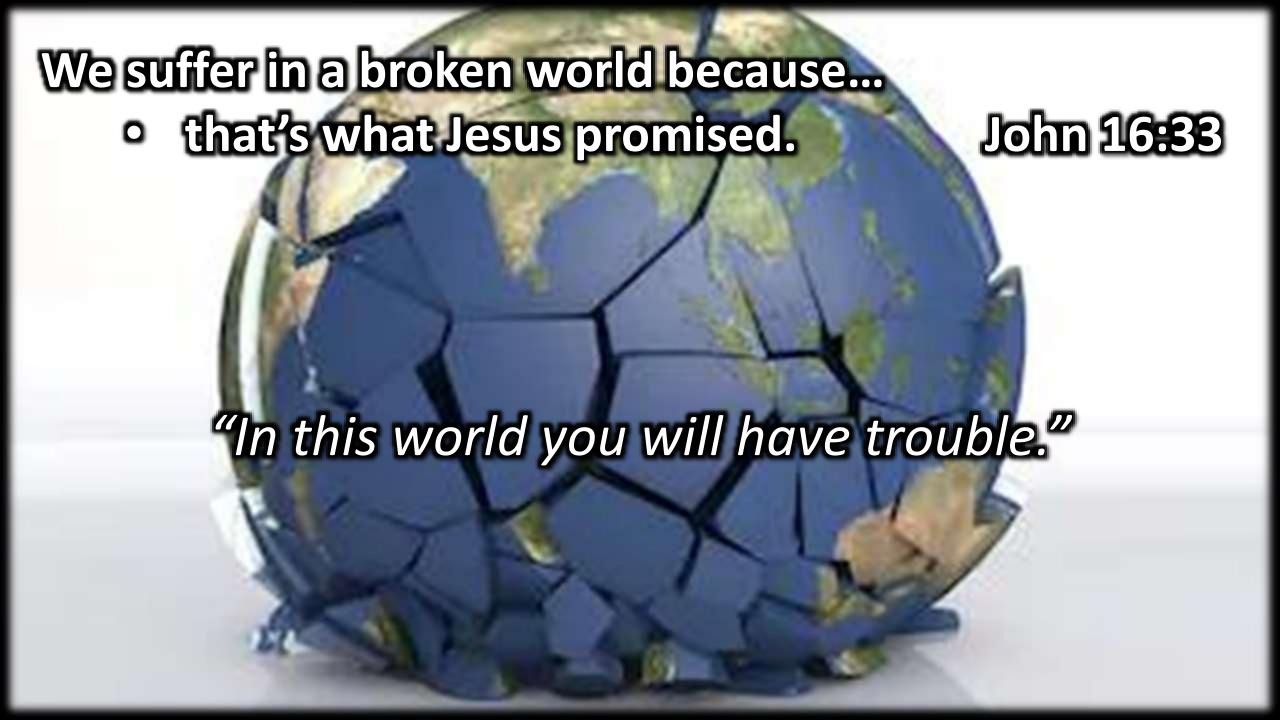


We suffer in a broken world because...

that's what happened to Jesus.

Isalah 53:3

"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain."



We suffer in a broken world because...

a broken world rejected Jesus.

John 15:18

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first."

Suffering is: 4) Heart balance – keeping our lives aligned with His. 1 John 2:15

"Do not love the world or anything in the world.

If anyone loves the world,

love for the Father is not in them."

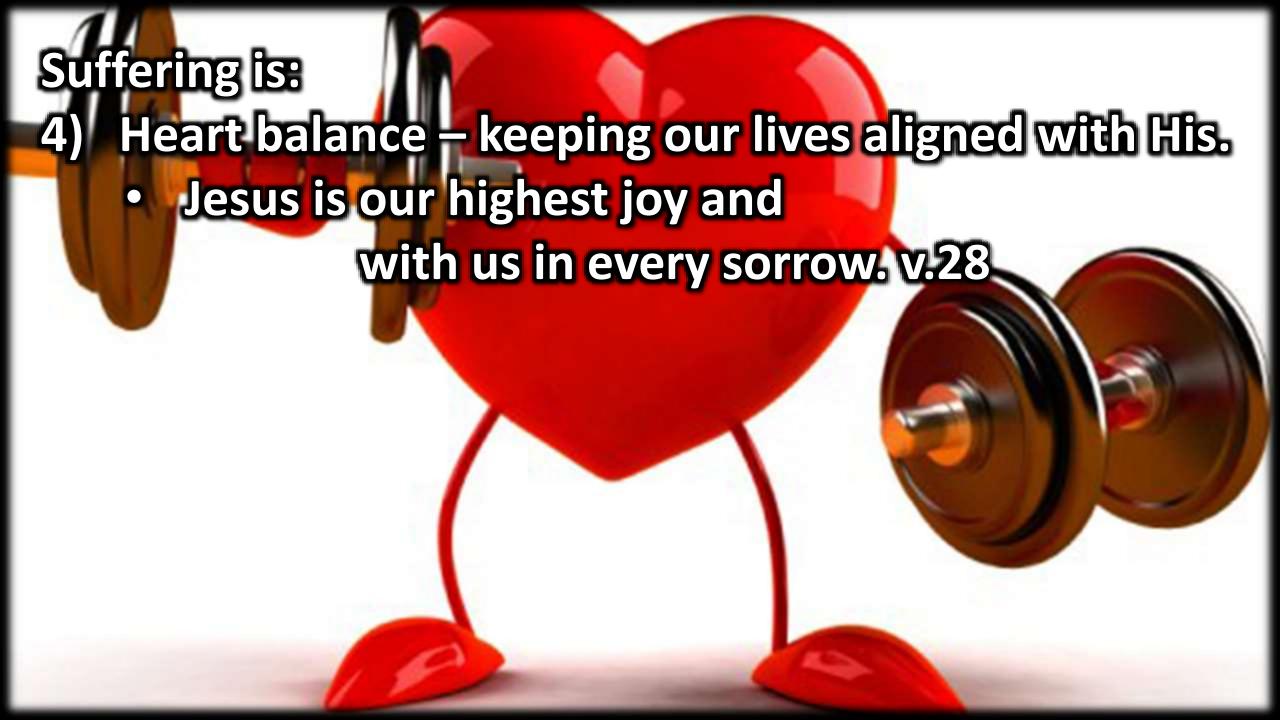




1 Peter 4:13

"But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed."







1) Measure every joy in terms of God's blessing and purpose.

James 1:17



"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father."

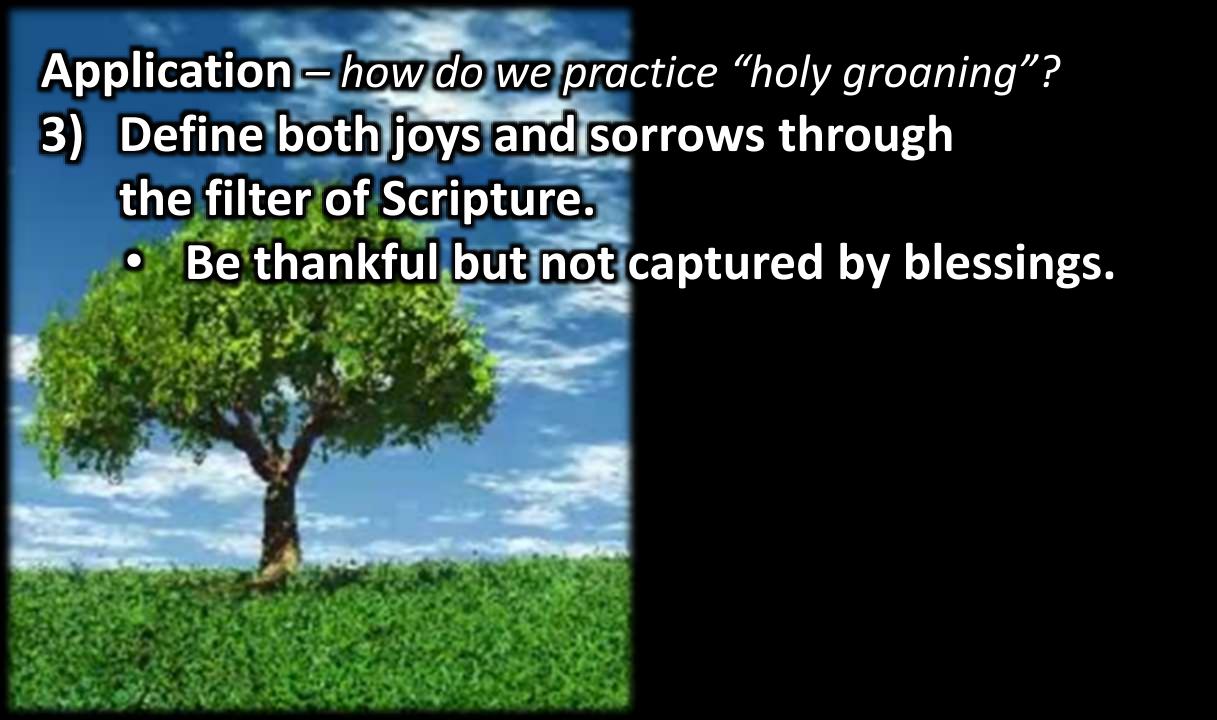
2) Receive every sorrow in terms of God's presence and promise.

Psalm 42:5

"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God."

Application – how do we practice "holy groaning"?
 Define both joys and sorrows through the filter of Scripture.
 Thessalonians 5:17-18

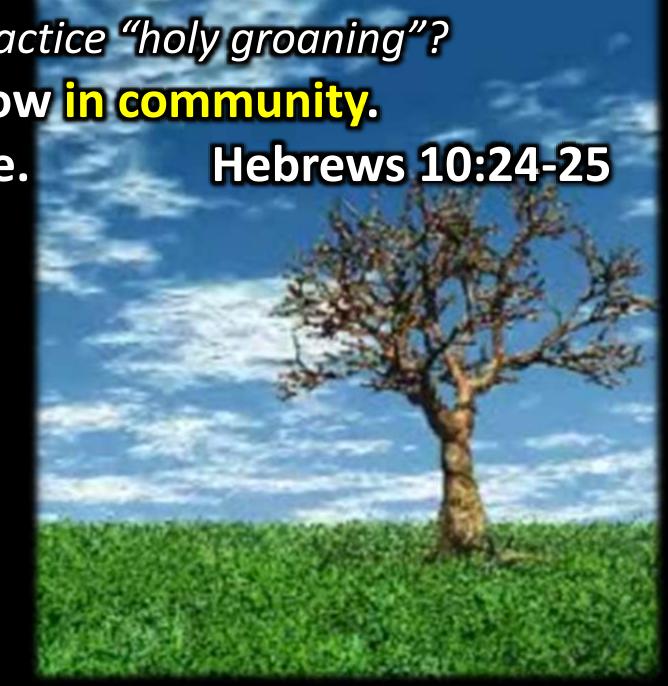
"Pray without ceasing. **Give thanks in every circumstance,**for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."



- 3) Define both joys and sorrows through the filter of Scripture.
 - Be thankful but not captured by blessings.
 - Be sober but not consumed by sorrows.

4) Calculate joy and sorrow in community.

Don't ever suffer alone. Hebrew



Hebrews 10:24-25

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

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