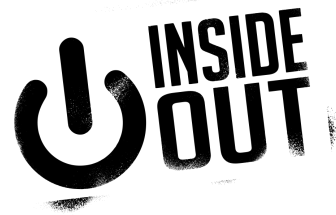


Legendary Character

Week 4 : Character



Romans 5:3-5

"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

Don't get us wrong; We love this verse. But wouldn't it be nice and so much easier if it just said, "God will give you character and hope" instead of that our sufferings produce perseverance, which produces character?

But that's not the way it works. See, every single thing you go through produces some type of character.

With every situation in life that you walk through, it will build your character in some way. You can choose to walk through times of suffering leaning on God, obeying and trusting Him, and that will produce good character, character that leads to hope. Or you can try to get through hard times all on your own, ignoring God completely. That will produce a character that's hard, isolated, and jaded. That kind of character is hopeless. Which sounds like the type of character you would rather have?

Family Discussion

- Have you ever been through a hard time that made your character better?
- Do you think it's possible to persevere through times of suffering without God?
- Would you rather have a character that came from God and produces hope, or a character that you developed on your own that is hopeless?
- Pray together as a family

