



1 Corinthians 12:26, "If one part suffers, every party suffers with it . . ."

## THE MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

In the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_ is forceful, goal-oriented, and invasive.

*"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3:13*

Week 1: The Bible's Answer to the Problem of Suffering  
*The wisdom of God and a call to trust*

Week 2: God's Revealed Purposes for Suffering  
*How God can use suffering for our good and His glory*

Week 3: Unbiblical Reactions to Suffering  
*Temptations to find hope in what is passing away*

**Week 4: Fighting for Faith Together**  
*Struggling for faith in God's sovereignty and goodness*

Week 5: Suffering as Witness  
*Making the most of your suffering for the glory of God*

Week 6: The Secret of Contentment  
*Finding joy in Christ in any and every situation*

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### Encouragement for sufferers

be \_\_\_\_\_ don't make the conversation only about you

be open to \_\_\_\_\_

### Encouragement for helping sufferers

remember that suffering is a struggle for \_\_\_\_\_

be \_\_\_\_\_, as Paul commands us.

Find the same struggle for faith in \_\_\_\_\_

Don't worry about \_\_\_\_\_ something they \_\_\_\_\_

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*"Faith comes from...hearing...the Word of Christ." Romans 10:17*

*"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves . . . For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" – Romans 15:1, 4*

### Biblical Themes for Sufferers

God promises to \_\_\_\_\_ for good. Romans 8:28

God's plans really are \_\_\_\_\_ for you. Luke 12:32

God is in \_\_\_\_\_. He is deliberate and careful. Psalm 56:8 4.

This world is \_\_\_\_\_ away. Revelation 22, 1 Peter 1

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*James 5:14-15 "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him..."*

*2 Cor. 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

When we pray for others, we should pray \_\_\_\_\_...

*Eph. 1:8-9, 3:18*

*Col. 1:9-11*

*1 Thes. 3:10-13*

## THE MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is loving someone in very \_\_\_\_\_ ways simply because we have been loved by God.

1 Kings 19 – God's care for a weary prophet.

## THE MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

*Job 2:13 "And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great."*