

## L I F E   A P P L I C A T I O N

- 1) How do you think Paul would have responded to someone in Acts 21 if they had said, “Paul, God doesn’t want you to suffer. Jesus died so that there would be no more suffering. If you have enough faith, you won’t suffer.”
  
- 2) Read the following passages and discuss what each one says about the role of suffering in the Christian life:
  - Romans 8:16-17
  - 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
  - Philippians 3:8-11
  - 1 Peter 4:12-19

**For Further Discussion:** Read the book of Job in the coming weeks and note how God using suffering in Job’s life, as well as how others respond to Job’s suffering.

### SERMON SERIES: THE CHURCH’S CHALLENGE

Sermon Message: What Happens When God’s Will Is

Done On Earth—The Challenge of Suffering

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**Today’s Scripture Reading: Psalm 135:5-6**

**Next Week: Acts 21:37-22:29**

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### DEVOTION TO CHRIST & HIS PURPOSE WILL CAUSE

\_\_\_\_\_ (ACTS 21:1-15),

REQUIRE GREATER \_\_\_\_\_ (ACTS 21:17-26),

& CREATE \_\_\_\_\_ (ACTS 21:27-36).

**Nazarite Vow: Numbers 6:2-5, 13-21**

**1 Corinthians 10:23-24** <sup>23</sup>“Everything is permissible”—but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is permissible”—but not everything is constructive.

<sup>24</sup>Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

**Philippians 1:29** For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,)

**2 Corinthians 4:16-5:2** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. <sup>1</sup>Now 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. <sup>2</sup>Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,

**YOU ARE GOING TO SUFFER. SUFFER FOR THE**

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