

Suffering

[Romans 5:3-5](#) ESV / 1,366 helpful votes

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

[1 Peter 5:10](#) ESV / 1,204 helpful votes

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

[Romans 8:18](#) ESV / 986 helpful votes

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

[James 1:2-4](#) ESV / 974 helpful votes

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

[John 16:33](#) ESV / 512 helpful votes

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

[Revelation 21:4](#) ESV / 498 helpful votes

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

[2 Timothy 3:12](#) ESV / 465 helpful votes

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

[1 Peter 4:12-19](#) ESV / 446 helpful votes

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ...

[Romans 8:28](#) ESV / 407 helpful votes

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

[2 Corinthians 4:8-10](#) ESV / 333 helpful votes

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

[Isaiah 43:2](#) ESV / 310 helpful votes

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

[Psalm 34:19](#) ESV / 301 helpful votes

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

[1 Peter 4:12-13](#) ESV / 254 helpful votes

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[Philippians 1:29](#) ESV / 254 helpful votes

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

[1 Peter 1:6-7](#) ESV / 239 helpful votes

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

[2 Corinthians 4:17](#) ESV / 239 helpful votes

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

[1 Corinthians 10:13](#) ESV / 232 helpful votes

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

[Romans 5:3-4](#) ESV / 225 helpful votes

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

Psalm 119:71 ESV / 209 helpful votes

It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

Luke 14:27 ESV / 203 helpful votes

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Hebrews 12:11 ESV / 201 helpful votes

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Philippians 3:10 ESV / 191 helpful votes

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

Matthew 5:10-12 ESV / 187 helpful votes

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Romans 8:28-29 ESV / 171 helpful votes

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

James 1:12 ESV / 170 helpful votes

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Isaiah 53:3 ESV / 170 helpful votes

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

1 Peter 4:12 ESV / 160 helpful votes

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

Colossians 1:24 ESV / 160 helpful votes

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ESV / 153 helpful votes

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

John 9:1-3 ESV / 151 helpful votes

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Job 13:15 ESV / 150 helpful votes

Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.

Isaiah 53:4 ESV / 149 helpful votes

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 ESV / 146 helpful votes

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

Galatians 6:2 ESV / 145 helpful votes

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Psalms 119:67 ESV / 144 helpful votes

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

1 Peter 2:19-21 ESV / 141 helpful votes

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you

endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

1 Peter 4:1 ESV / 140 helpful votes

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 Corinthians 12:7 ESV / 140 helpful votes

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

Romans 5:3 ESV / 135 helpful votes

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ESV / 131 helpful votes

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 ESV / 131 helpful votes

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Romans 8:35 ESV / 128 helpful votes

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Psalms 23:1-6 ESV / 123 helpful votes

A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ...

Psalms 119:50 ESV / 115 helpful votes

This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

Luke 9:23-25 ESV / 114 helpful votes

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?"

1 Peter 2:19 ESV / 112 helpful votes

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.

Psalms 22:1-31 ESV / 112 helpful votes

To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. ...

1 Peter 3:14 ESV / 111 helpful votes

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

Matthew 10:38 ESV / 111 helpful votes

And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

2 Peter 3:9 ESV / 110 helpful votes

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Psalms 73:26 ESV / 109 helpful votes

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Romans 8:35-39 ESV / 108 helpful votes

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jeremiah 29:11 ESV / 108 helpful votes

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

1 Peter 3:18 ESV / 107 helpful votes

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

John 3:16 ESV / 106 helpful votes

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 Peter 3:17 ESV / 103 helpful votes

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

Hebrews 2:10 ESV / 103 helpful votes

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Acts 9:16 ESV / 103 helpful votes

For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

Isaiah 55:9 ESV / 103 helpful votes

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Mark 13:13 ESV / 101 helpful votes

And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Hebrews 4:15 ESV / 100 helpful votes

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

1 Peter 4:16 ESV / 98 helpful votes

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

1 Peter 4:13 ESV / 97 helpful votes

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

1 Peter 2:21 ESV / 95 helpful votes

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

2 Corinthians 12:10 ESV / 95 helpful votes

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

John 9:2-3 ESV / 95 helpful votes

And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Matthew 4:24 ESV / 94 helpful votes

So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.

Matthew 5:10 ESV / 93 helpful votes

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Acts 5:41 ESV / 92 helpful votes

Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

Matthew 10:22 ESV / 91 helpful votes

And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Psalms 22:24 ESV / 91 helpful votes

For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

2 Timothy 1:8 ESV / 90 helpful votes

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Matthew 11:28 ESV / 90 helpful votes

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 ESV / 89 helpful votes

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ...

James 1:2 ESV / 88 helpful votes

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

Romans 8:3 ESV / 87 helpful votes

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

Revelation 2:10 ESV / 86 helpful votes

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Romans 16:20 ESV / 86 helpful votes

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ESV / 85 helpful votes

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

1 Corinthians 13:3 ESV / 85 helpful votes

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

James 5:10-11 ESV / 83 helpful votes

As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

James 1:3 ESV / 81 helpful votes

For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

Acts 14:22 ESV / 79 helpful votes

Strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

Ecclesiastes 7:14 ESV / 79 helpful votes

In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.

1 Peter 4:12-16 ESV / 78 helpful votes

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

1 Corinthians 2:9 ESV / 78 helpful votes

But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

Romans 8:17 ESV / 78 helpful votes

And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Job 36:15 ESV / 77 helpful votes

He delivers the afflicted by their affliction and opens their ear by adversity.

Romans 8:29 ESV / 74 helpful votes

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 12:14 ESV / 71 helpful votes

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

1 Peter 5:7 ESV / 70 helpful votes

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Hebrews 4:15-16 ESV / 70 helpful votes

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Romans 8:17-18 ESV / 70 helpful votes

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Matthew 10:39 ESV / 67 helpful votes

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Deuteronomy 8:3 ESV / 66 helpful votes

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

John 18:11 ESV / 65 helpful votes

So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

Matthew 27:28-29 ESV / 65 helpful votes

And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

2 Timothy 2:3-4 ESV / 64 helpful votes

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

John 15:19 ESV / 62 helpful votes

If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Matthew 26:39 ESV / 61 helpful votes

And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”