

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. How does understanding our calling to suffer liberate us from self-pity and help us to focus on God's glory?
2. How are we to pray to God in the midst of suffering? What are we to believe about God?
3. How does the example of Jesus entrusting Himself to God help us? What does it mean to entrust your situation to God?
4. What are some examples of following Jesus in your current circumstances?
5. How was Jesus' suffering a demonstration of His power? How can we follow His example?

"For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison."

2 Corinthians 4:17

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

Romans 8:18

"For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake."

Philippians 1:29

"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 will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ."

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

"CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS"

1 PETER 2:21-23

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I. Introduction

II. Following Jesus means understanding and embracing your _____.

Verse 21

III. Following Jesus means suffering _____.
Verse 22

IV. Following Jesus means _____
with your situation. _____
Verse 23

Examples of how this works:

1. When the good you do _____.
2. When the good you do _____.

Memory Verse

“And He was saying to them all, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.’”
Luke 9:23