When Following Jesus Isn't What We Expected



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1. The Starting Point: Salvation Isn't Earned; It's Received



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2. The Surprising Turn:
The Part We'd Rather Skip



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ginōskō: the idea of knowing someone personally, not simply knowing facts about them



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James 1:2-5

“[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials
of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of
your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let
steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be
perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who
gives generously to all without reproach, and it will
be given him.”



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3. The Response:
Learning to Know Christ in Our Suffering



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2 Encouragements:

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“share his sufferings” = “*koinonia*”

koinōnia: fellowship/participation



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- **Lean into Christ rather than pulling away from Him**

- **Keep eternity in view**



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Romans 8:18

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



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4. The Challenge:
What Will We Do With Our Suffering?



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"God is always preparing you for what He has prepared for you."



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Big Idea:

Sometimes the very circumstances we want God to change are the ones He uses to help us know Christ more deeply.



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