

# “Suffering—What’s It Get You?”

Romans 5:3-5

“Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character, and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.” Romans 5:3-5

Two Little Words: “W\_\_\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_.”

## FOUR STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH...

### 1. SUFFERING!

Three non-Christian responses to suffering:

- D \_\_\_\_\_
- P \_\_\_\_\_
- S \_\_\_\_\_

Paul’s point—“Suffering is the believer’s s \_\_\_\_\_, not his m \_\_\_\_\_.”

WE DON’T REJOICE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF OUR SUFFERING.  
WE REJOICE IN WHAT WE \_\_\_\_\_ BY OUR SUFFERING.

### 2. PERSEVERANCE!

It is the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ in difficult situations without giving \_\_\_\_\_ or giving \_\_\_\_\_.

Suffering doesn’t have to \_\_\_\_\_ you down, it can \_\_\_\_\_ you up.

### 3. CHARACTER!

Suffering lies along the path to s \_\_\_\_\_ m \_\_\_\_\_.

Talent is a gift, but character is a \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. HOPE!

Always build your hope on something that no one can \_\_\_\_\_.

“Through it all....through it all....I’ve learned to \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus....I’ve learned to \_\_\_\_\_ in God.” (Andre Crouch)