

Today's Theme

P10 "We Will Face Suffering"

Series Title

"Promises For Us"

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Promise 1: I will give you *eternal* life. John 5:24

Promise 2: I will help you live with *peace*. John 14:27

Promise 3: I will *care* for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Promise 4: I will give you an *inside* helper. John 14:16

Promise 5: I will *walk* with you in life. 2 Cor 6:16

Promise 6: I will be a *shepherd* to you. John 10:11

Promise 7: I will give you *strength*. John 10:11

Promise 8: I will *forgive* you *fully*. 1 John 3:5

Promise 9: I will *protect* you *always*. John 17:11-15

Promise 10: I will _____ you with _____.

1. God has _____ to bring us _____.

2 Cor 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

2. How to _____ suffering with _____.

(1) Accept that suffering has _____.

James 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

(2) Accept that suffering _____ a _____ for God.

2 Cor 1:8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. Psalm 119:49 Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. 50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life. 51 The arrogant mock me unmercifully, but I do not turn from your law.

(3) Accept that suffering can _____ to our _____.

Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

(4) Understand that suffering _____ our _____.

2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.