

A STRATEGY FOR GROWTH, Part 2

(Philippians 3:10-14)

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

- We have before is now an opportunity to:
 - Strengthen our faith.
 - Align ourselves with God's purpose.
 - Take intentional steps forward in every area of our lives.

2. CHALLENGE OF GROWTH

- Growth requires effort, perseverance and a willingness to leave behind comfort and complacency.

3. SPIRITUAL EXAMPLE OF GROWTH

- In Philippians 3:10-14, Paul describes his journey of faith as a continual pursuit of growth. He shows us that we must adopt a mindset of growth and intertwine that with spiritual disciplines and practical steps.

I. APPETITE FOR KNOWING CHRIST (10-11)

- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO KNOW CHRIST?
 - Ginoskó (GK) – knowledge that goes beyond mere facts or information. It implies a deep personal, experiential knowledge or understanding. It is often used to describe intimate relational knowledge.

- _____.
- **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO KNOW THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION?**
 - **For the Apostle Paul, resurrection power enables believers to do three things:**
 1. **Overcome sin (Romans 6:6-7)**
 2. **Live victoriously (I Corinthians 15:57)**
 3. **Persevere through trials (2 Corinthians 4:8-10)**
- **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS?**
 - **Koinónia (GK) – means partnership.**
 - **Paul sees _____ as a way for believers to _____.**
 - **Suffering and struggle is a _____ as it allows believers to _____ and _____.**
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 - **Spiritual growth involves _____ and _____ with an _____.**
- **WHAT DOES PAUL MEAN WHEN HE SPEAKS OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING?**
 - **Christ's sufferings refer to the _____ Jesus endured during His life, particularly in His crucifixion and death.**

1. Physical Suffering

- _____ (Matthew 27:26)
- _____ (John 19:17)
- _____ (Luke 23:33)

2. Emotional Suffering

- _____ (John 1:11)
- Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-38)

3. Relational Suffering

- _____ (Matthew 26:14-16)
- _____ (Luke 22:61-62)
- _____ (Mark 14:50)

4. Spiritual Suffering

- _____ (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- _____ (Matthew 27:46)

• WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS?

- 1. _____
 - _____

2. _____

○ _____

3. _____

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4. _____

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- **WHAT ARE THE TYPES OF SUFFERING WE FACE?**

1. Natural Suffering

○ Comes from living in a _____.

○ _____

2. Consequential Suffering

○ Results from _____ or _____
_____.

○ David suffered after sin with Bathsheba. (Psalm 51)

3. Persecution for Faith

○ Suffering for _____

○ Paul was imprisoned for preaching the Gospel. (2 Corinthians 11:23-27)

4. Spiritual Suffering

- Internal struggles – with doubt, temptation or God's will
 - Jesus' anguish in the garden (Matthew 26:36-39)
- Jesus and Paul were more powerful after suffering and we can share that same testimony.

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