Series Scripture:

2 Corinthians 4:7-10 CEB

7 But we have this treasure in clay pots so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't
come from us. 8 We are experiencing all kinds of trouble, but we aren't crushed. We are confused,
but we aren't depressed. 9 We are harassed, but we aren't abandoned. We are knocked down, but
we aren't knocked out.
10 We always carry Jesus' death around in our bodies so that Jesus' life can also be seen in our
bodies.

I. Our Suffering P.O.V. DEVELOPS (=time)

DEVELOP:

Yes: Evolve. Unfold. Grow. Progress. Cultivate. Nourish. Forge. Obtain. Adopt. Achieve. Construct. Supplement. Mature.

NOT: Lose. Abandon. Forsake. Reject. Discard. Deteriorate. Tear down. Ruin. Undo. Wreck.

Jesus "parables" the process of DEVELOP for us:

Mark 4:11-12 NIV

11 He told them, **"The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables** 12 so that,

> "'they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,
> and ever hearing but never understanding;
> otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!'[a]"(I) **[Isaiah 6:9-10}**

WHY does the development of SUFFER WELL feel like loss?

Because it is HARD. Because it HURTS. Because it is CONFUSING. Because it is SUPERNATURAL. Because we are asked to PARTICIPATE.

AND……

II. Our Suffering POV REQUIRES LOSS

Luke 14:25-33 NKJV Leaving All to Follow Christ

25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26 (C)"If anyone comes to Me (D)and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, (E)yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And (F)whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 For (G)which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*— 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whoever of you (H)does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

III. Developing our SUFFERING P.O.V. comes with "cheats":

A. Suffering births WORSHIP

Exodus 15:1-21 NIV

The Song of Moses and Miriam

15 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this
song to the Lord:

"I will sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea.
2 "The Lord is my strength and my
defense[a]; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.
3 The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.
4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army
he has hurled into the sea.
The best of Pharaoh's officers
are drowned in the Red Sea.[b]
5 The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.
6 Your right hand, Lord,
was majestic in power.
Your right hand, Lord,
shattered the enemy.
7 "In the greatness of your majesty
you threw down those who opposed
you. You unleashed your burning anger;
it consumed them like stubble.
8 By the blast of your nostrils
the waters piled up.
The surging waters stood up like a wall;
the deep waters congealed in the heart
of the sea.
9 The enemy boasted,
'I will pursue, I will overtake them.
I will divide the spoils;
I will gorge myself on them.
I will draw my sword
and my hand will destroy them.'
10 But you blew with your breath,
and the sea covered them.
They sank like lead
in the mighty waters.
11 Who among the gods
is like you, Lord?
Who is like you—
majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory,
working wonders?
12 "You stretch out your right hand,
and the earth swallows your enemies.
13 In your unfailing love you will lead
the people you have redeemed.
In your strength you will guide them
to your holy dwelling.
14 The nations will hear and tremble;
anguish will grip the people of Philistia.
15 The chiefs of Edom will be terrified,
the leaders of Moab will be seized with
trembling,
the people[c] of Canaan will melt away;
16 terror and dread will fall on them.
By the power of your arm
they will be as still as a stone—
until your people pass by, Lord,
until the people you bought[d] pass by.
17 You will bring them in and plant them
on the mountain of your inheritance—
the place, Lord, you made for your
dwelling,
the sanctuary, Lord, your hands
established.
18 "The Lord reigns
for ever and ever."
19 When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and
horsemen[e] went into the
sea, the Lord brought the waters of the
sea back over them, but the Israelites
walked through the sea on dry

ground. 20 Then Miriam the
prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in
her hand, and all the women followed her,
with timbrels and dancing. 21 Miriam
sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea."

B. Suffering Births Community

Acts 2:1-4 NIV

2 When the day of Pentecost came, **they were all together in one place.** 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 1:4, 14, 20-22, 26

4On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

C. Suffering Births Grown Ups

20 "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:

"'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and,
"'May another take his place of leadership.'[f] PSALM **109:8**
21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have **been with us the whole time** the Lord Jesus was living among us,22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

SUFFER WELL SKILL: NOTICE What is Growing Amongst the Hard

IV. The Developing of our SUFFERING P.O.V. is foundationed with "Keeping the END in Mind"

Revelation 15:1-4 CEB Song of Moses and the Lamb

15 Then I saw another great and awe-inspiring sign in heaven. There were seven angels with seven plagues—and these are the last, for with them God's anger is brought to an end. 2 Then I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire. Those who gained victory over the beast, its image, and the number of its name were standing by the glass sea, holding harps from God. 3 They sing the song of Moses, God's servant, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

"Great and awe-inspiring are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, king of the nations. 4 Who won't fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? You alone are holy. All nations will come and fall down in worship before you, for your acts of justice have been revealed."

Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: Be END or ETERNITY or ??? Minded Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: KNOW whom am I dependent on Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: Give WAY for Mourn to happen Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: PRACTICE Meekness. Gentleness. Humility wrapped with Strength.Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: Active Relationship with Jesus Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: GIVE Mercy. Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: GUARD my Heart.Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: PRACTICE Peacemaking Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: EXPECT Persecution Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: UNDERSTAND Persecution. Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: Right Theology – Leads to – Right Thinking Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: NOTICE What is Growing Amongst the Hard Θ

Θ SUFFER WELL SKILL: _____ Θ