09.16.26 Wk.1: The TRUTH About Suffering
09.23.26 Wk.2: Jesus is Worth Everything
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11.11.26
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11.25.26 – Thanksgiving Service
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12.09.26 – Christmas party!
12.16.26 – Off
12.23.26 – Off
12.30.26 - OFF
01.06.26 – Winter Warm Up

Each Week:
End with a Prayer Discipline or another Discipline we can add to our life that helps us walk through SUFFERING. [Upcoming: Don't Lie For God. Let There Be Mystery. ~~The Message of Suffering ?~~]

Series Scripture:
2 Corinthians 4:7-10 –
7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. NKJV

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. NIV

Physical bodies and eternal glory
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. CEB

Wk.2: Jesus is Worth Everything
Matt 22:36-37 – 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'[a]

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

NEW Suffer Well Skill to ADD to….

Wk.1: Beatitudes – MT 5

SUFFER WELL SKILL: KNOW whom am I dependent on

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Suffer Well • Week #3 – Our Suffering P.O.V.

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

DEVELOP:

TRANSITIVE VERB: Has a direct object (idea, software)

1.a : to work out the possibilities of - *develop* an **idea**

1.b : to create or produce especially by deliberate effort over time *develop* **software**

2.a : to make active or promote the growth of - *developed* his muscles

2.b(1) : to make available or usable- *develop* natural resources

2.b (2) : to make suitable for commercial or residential purposes- *develop* land

2.c

games : to move (a chess piece) from the original position to one providing more opportunity for effective use - *develop* the rook

3.a : to cause to evolve or unfold gradually **:** to lead or conduct (something) through a succession of states or changes each of which is preparatory for the next - *developed* his argument

3.b : to expand by a process of growth - working to *develop* the company
3.c biology : to cause to grow and differentiate along lines natural to its kind
more rain will be needed to *develop* the plants properly
3.d : to become infected or affected by - *developed* pneumonia
4: to acquire gradually - *developed* a close relationship with them
5.a: to set forth or make clear by degrees or in detail **: EXPOUND** - *develop* a thesis
5.b : to make visible or manifest - *developed* the scene in her mind
5.c dyeing : to treat with an agent to cause the appearance of color
5.d photography : to subject (exposed material) especially to chemicals in order to produce a visible image - *develop* film
also **:** to make visible by such a method - *develop* pictures
5.e : to elaborate (a musical idea) by the working out of rhythmic and harmonic changes in the theme (see theme sense 2a)

intransitive verb – NO DIRECT OBJECT
biology
1.a
: to go through a process of natural growth, differentiation or evolution by successive changes - A blossom *develops* from a bud.
1.b
: to acquire secondary sex characteristics
the teen *developed* before most of their peers
2: to become gradually manifest
the facts that *developed* over the next few days
3: to come into being gradually
To evolve

Synonyms & Similar Words

Yes:

- evolve
- unfold
- grow
- progress
- emerge
- mature
- forge
- advance
- acquire
- cultivate
- gain
- adopt
- obtain
- embrace
- foster
- nurture
- nourish
- progress
- expand
- supplement
- forge
- create
- devise
- generate
- construct
- achieve
- grow up

No's:

IT.IS.NOT

- lose
- abandon
- forsake
- reject
- discard
- deteriorate
- shorten
- condense
- contract
- summarize
- tear down
- ruin
- raze
- undo
- wreck

- Jesus "parables" the process of DEVELOP for us:

Mark 4:1-20 NIV

The Parable of the Sower

4 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake.(C) The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. **2** He taught them many things by parables,(D) and in his teaching said: **3** "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed.(E) **4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.**6** But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."(F)

9 Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."(G)

10 When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. **11** He told them, **"The secret of the kingdom of God(H) has been given to you. But to those on the outside(I) 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]"(J) **[Isaiah 6:9-10}**

13 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? **14** The farmer sows the word.(K) **15** Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan(L) comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. **16** Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. **17** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **18** Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; **19** but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth(M) and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. **20** Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

CEB

4 Jesus began to teach beside the lake again. Such a large crowd gathered that he climbed into a boat there on the lake. He sat in the boat while the whole crowd was

nearby on the shore. 2 He said many things to them in parables. While teaching
them, he said,3 "Listen to this! A farmer went out to scatter seed. 4 As he was
scattering seed, some fell on the path; and the birds came and ate it.5 Other seed fell
on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because
the soil wasn't deep. 6 When the sun came up, it scorched the plants; and they dried
up because they had no roots. 7 Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny
plants grew and choked the seeds, and they produced nothing. 8 Other seed fell into
good soil and bore fruit. Upon growing and increasing, the seed produced in one
case a yield of thirty to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another
case a yield of one hundred to one." 9 He said, "Whoever has ears to listen should
pay attention!"

Jesus explains his parable
10 When they were alone, the people around Jesus, along with the Twelve, asked him
about the parables. 11 **He said to them, "The secret of God's kingdom has been
given to you, but to those who are outside everything comes in
parables.** 12 This is so that they can look and see but have no insight, and they can
hear but not understand. Otherwise, they might turn their lives around and be
forgiven.

13 "Don't you understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the
parables? 14 The farmer scatters the word. 15 This is the meaning of the seed that fell
on the path: When the word is scattered and people hear it, right away Satan comes
and steals the word that was planted in them. 16 Here's the meaning of the seed that
fell on rocky ground: When people hear the word, they immediately receive it
joyfully. 17 Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they
experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall
away. 18 Others are like the seed scattered among the thorny plants. These are the
ones who have heard the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the false appeal of
wealth, and the desire for more things break in and choke the word, and it bears no
fruit. 20 The seed scattered on good soil are those who hear the word and embrace it.
They bear fruit, in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case sixty to one, and
in another case one hundred to one."

- Biggest crowd JC had gathered thus far.
- A parable compares something familiar to something unfamiliar. It compels listeners to discover truth, while at the same time concealing the truth from those too lazy or too stubborn to see it. Jesus' insights were hidden from those who refused to seek the truth and from those who would not come back and inquire. To those who were honestly searching, the truth became clear. Jesus spoke the parable to the entire crowd (4:1) but

reserved the explanation of the parable for his disciples and other true followers (4:10).[1]

- The explanation came after…after considering, after time, after questioning = Sticking it out. Staying glued to Jesus and waiting, trusting for the "explanation".

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……

I.Our Suffering POV DEVELOPS (=time)

II. Our Suffering POV REQUIRES LOSS

We do give up, lose, things in this process…

Luke 14:25-33 NKJV

Leaving All to Follow Christ[B]

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.

[1] Barton, B. B. (1994). *Mark* (p. 98). Tyndale House Publishers.

Theology. Yay.
Healthy/true Theology develops in many ways.
One of them is Worship.

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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(A) to the Lord:

"I will sing(B) to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver(C)
he has hurled into the sea.(D)
2 "The Lord is my strength(E) and my
defense[a];
he has become my salvation.(F)
He is my God,(G) and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will
exalt(H) him.
3 The Lord is a warrior;(I)
the Lord is his name.(J)
4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army(K)
he has hurled into the sea.
The best of Pharaoh's officers
are drowned in the Red Sea.[b]
5 The deep waters(L) have covered
them;
they sank to the depths like a
stone.(M)
6 Your right hand,(N) Lord,
was majestic in power.
Your right hand,(O) Lord,
shattered(P) the enemy.
7 "In the greatness of your majesty(Q)
you threw down those who
opposed you.
You unleashed your burning anger;(R)
it consumed(S) them like stubble.
8 By the blast of your nostrils(T)
the waters piled up.(U)
The surging waters stood up like a
wall;(V)
the deep waters congealed in the
heart of the sea.(W)
9 The enemy boasted,
'I will pursue,(X) I will overtake
them.
I will divide the spoils;(Y)
I will gorge myself on them.
I will draw my sword
and my hand will destroy them.'
10 But you blew with your breath,(Z)
and the sea covered them.
They sank like lead
in the mighty waters.(AA)
11 Who among the gods
is like you,(AB) Lord?
Who is like you—
majestic in holiness,(AC)

awesome in glory,(AD)
working wonders?(AE)
12 "You stretch out(AF) your right hand,
and the earth swallows your enemies.(AG)
13 In your unfailing love you will lead(AH)
the people you have redeemed.(AI)
In your strength you will guide them
to your holy dwelling.(AJ)
14 The nations will hear and tremble;(AK)
anguish(AL) will grip the people of Philistia.(AM)
15 The chiefs(AN) of Edom(AO) will be terrified,
the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling,(AP)
the people[c] of Canaan will melt(AQ) away;
16 terror(AR) and dread will fall on them.
By the power of your arm
they will be as still as a stone(AS)—
until your people pass by, Lord,
until the people you bought[d](AT) pass by.(AU)
17 You will bring(AV) them in and plant(AW) them
on the mountain(AX) of your inheritance—
the place, Lord, you made for your dwelling,(AY)
the sanctuary,(AZ) Lord, your hands established.
18 "The Lord reigns
for ever and ever."(BA)
19 When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen[e] went into the sea,(BB) the Lord brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.(BC) 20 Then Miriam(BD) the prophet,(BE) Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels(BF) and dancing.(BG) 21 Miriam sang(BH) to them:

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

- Do we "get" this type of worship w/o the slavery in Egypt?

Does my understanding of God include?

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

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and
to teach **2** until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving
instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. **3** After his
suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that
he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about
the kingdom of God. **4** On 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[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time
going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has
set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit
comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him
from their sight.

10 **They** were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly
two men dressed in white stood beside them. **11** "Men of Galilee," they said,
"why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been
taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen
him go into heaven."

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of
Olives, a Sabbath day's walk[c] from the city. **13** When they arrived, they went
upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter,
John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew;
James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. **14** **They
all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary
the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.**

15 In those days Peter stood **up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)** 16 and said, "Brothers and sisters,[d] the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. 17 He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

18 (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. 19 Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

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,'[e]
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."

23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen 25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." 26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

C. Suffering Births Grown Ups

ACTS 1:20↑

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

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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."

NKJV **Prelude to the Bowl Judgments**

15 Then [A]I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: [B]seven angels having the seven last plagues, [C]**for in them the wrath of God is complete.**

2 And I saw *something* like [D]a sea of glass [E]mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, [F]over his image and [a]over his mark *and* over the [G]number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, [H]having harps of God. **3** They sing [I]the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the [J]Lamb, saying:

[K]"Great and marvelous *are* Your works,
Lord God Almighty!
[L]Just and true *are* Your ways,
O King of the [b]saints!
4 [M]Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?
For *You* alone *are* [N]holy.

For [Q]all nations shall come and worship before You,
For Your judgments have been manifested.
NIV

Seven Angels With Seven Plagues

15 I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign:[A] seven angels[B] with the seven last plagues[C]—**last, because with them God's wrath is completed.** **2** And I saw what looked like a sea of glass[D] glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious[E] over the beast[F] and its image[G] and over the number of its name.[H] They held harps[I] given them by God **3** and sang the song of God's servant[J] Moses[K] and of the Lamb:[L]

"Great and marvelous are your deeds,[M]
Lord God Almighty.[N]
Just and true are your ways,[O]
King of the nations.[a]
4 Who will not fear you, Lord,[P]
and bring glory to your name?[Q]
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship before you,[R]
for your righteous acts[S] have been revealed."[b]

NOTE. They are singing the EXODUS 15 song!

- By being aware of the future we can live through the present.

The Bible's attitude to evil and suffering, unlike ours, is **not** dominated by the current evil and suffering that are around us in the world… **it is dominated by what is going to happen at the end of the world**.
Both the Old Testament and the New Testament…**see the present in the light of the future.**

Hicks, P. (2006). *The Message of Evil and Suffering: Light into Darkness* (D. Tidball, Ed.; pp. 207–272). Inter-Varsity Press.

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.

This looking forward is vital to our understanding of the Bible's teaching on evil and suffering. If we fail to grasp it, we will end up with only a limited answer to all the questions evil and suffering raise.

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