



## Suffering: Our Good and God's Glory

Romans 8:18-27 | April 27 & May 1 | Jeff Stevens

**Review:** Last week we talked all about the Holy Spirit and how to kill sin by his power. How did the battle to kill sin go for you?

1. Pastor Jeff talked about how suffering is not only inevitable for followers of Jesus but also an important part of spiritual growth. Why is it then that we do our best to avoid it?
2. Pastor Jeff shared the intended results of our suffering as followers of Jesus. Revisit each point and its corresponding passage, and then share how you have seen these results in your own life.
  - Repentance- Acts 26:20
  - Reliance- 2 Cor. 1:8-9
  - Righteousness- Heb. 2:6-11
  - Rewards- 2 Cor. 4:16-18
  - Revelation
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. What is another reason God allows our afflictions? (Hint: look for the "so that" statement)
4. Think of a trial, or a type of suffering that someone might go through in their life. How would you share the hope we have in Jesus Christ, even in the midst of that trial? Are there any specific scriptures you would use to help?
5. Pastor Jeff closed with Romans 8:15-16. How does the spirit of fear differ from a spirit that causes us to run to and cry out to our "Abba, Father?" How do these two spirits affect how we respond in this midst of suffering?
6. Our end-of-the-season baptism party is right around the corner on Wednesday, May 18th. Share your experience of attending this celebration in the past. Has anyone not been baptized that would like to do so? (*Leaders please contact [Knickols@highlandchurch.org](mailto:Knickols@highlandchurch.org) if you have members who are interested*)