



Suffering?

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1. Galatians A.D. 48
2. 1 & 2 Thessalonians A.D. 49-51
3. 1 Corinthians A.D. 53-56
4. 2 Corinthians A.D. 55-56
5. Romans A.D. 57
6. Ephesians; Philippians; Philemon; Colossians A.D. 62
7. 1 Timothy/ Titus A.D. 62-62
8. 2 Timothy A.D. 64-67 (His last letter)

2 Timothy are similar to a few famous farewell discourses in the Bible

- By Moses, Joshua, David and Jesus (John 14-16)

Features:

- a) The speaker's announcement of his imminent departure
- b) Directives to keep God's commandments,
- c) Predictions of what will happen after the speaker's departure
- d) Words of comfort and instruction for the benefit of those who will survive the speaker
- e) And appeals to the addressees to remember what the speaker has taught.

2 Timothy

- ✓ This letter is about what Paul most wants Timothy to heed for the rest of his life and ministry
- ✓ The last word from a spiritual father...

What would you write to your loved ones if you were in jail and waiting to be executed...??

Fight the good fight

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:11-12 (ESV)

Guard your deposit

Paul ends his letter to Timothy in 1 Tim 6:20 with:

O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you.

Then in 2 Tim 1:13-14 we see the same command:

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

There is a reward and a reason to fight

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

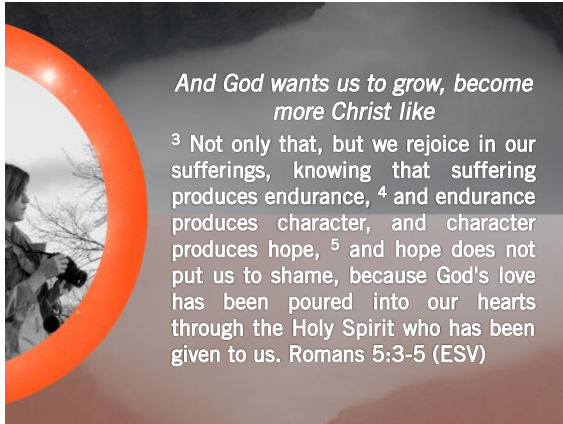
⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Tim 4:6-7 (ESV)

So should we as Christians then expect to Suffering?

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 1 Peter 4:12-13 (ESV)

¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 1 Peter 4:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. 1 Peter 4:19 (ESV)



*And God wants us to grow, become
more Christ like*

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5 (ESV)