

Rescue from Suffering

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Romans 5:3-5

...but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

Luke 12:15

¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Principles:

1. God uses suffering to reveal false gods
2. Our suffering is God ordained
3. Questions of "when/how/what/why" are satisfied by the "WHO".
(Knowing Christ makes knowing the plan is less important)
4. Yield vs fight
5. Shed cynicism for anticipation.
(Connect the dots of God pouring His love into your heart)

Questions:

1. Which of the principles about suffering connected with you the most?
2. Which principles didn't make as much sense to you?
3. Have you experienced suffering where God used it to produce in you:
 new endurance
 new character
 new hope
4. You may be going through a season of suffering now. What lesson from today do you want to start applying in a way you haven't before?