



JOY IN SORROW

Romans 5:1-11
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SERMON NOTES

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Read Romans 5:1-11 (Groups: read it twice with different readers)

Do you think it is possible to have a certain kind of joy in the midst of sorrow? How does your knowledge of God's Word and personal experiences contribute to your answer?

What is the connection between suffering and hope? How can trials either strengthen our faith in God or weaken it?

What is the opposite of rejoicing in the midst of sorrow? Is it possible to remain unchanged by tragedy, difficulty, or struggle? If not, how can we remain open to God's work, even when circumstances are challenging?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:10. Paul describes himself as "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing". How can this be? From where does he get his confidence? Hint: you may benefit from going back to 5:14.

Read Acts 14:22. Why is God's kingdom entered through tribulation? How does hardship strengthen our faith?

What comfort for us in our suffering is it to know that Jesus suffered too? See Hebrews 12:3. Why is the suffering of Jesus an encouragement to us?