

SON OF GOD  
Pt. 3 – “Jesus’ Suffering and Your Suffering”  
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**Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)**

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame...

**Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)**

<sup>[3]</sup> We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;  
<sup>[4]</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope.

## 1. Suffering produces PERSEVERANCE

**2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)**

<sup>[8]</sup> We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life.

<sup>[9]</sup> Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

**Philippians 4:13 (NIV)**

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

## 2. Perseverance produces CHARACTER

**James 1:2-4 (NIV)**

<sup>[2]</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

<sup>[3]</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

<sup>[4]</sup> Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

## 3. Character produces HOPE

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)**

<sup>[16]</sup> Be joyful always; <sup>[17]</sup> pray continually; <sup>[18]</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)**

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**Hebrews 6:18-19 (NIV)**

<sup>[18]</sup> God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.

<sup>[19]</sup> We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.