

Come to the Table

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Building Intimacy Through Sharing A Cup

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11 (NIV)

The benefits of suffering:

Suffering reminds me that something is wrong. Sin, and its consequences, are real.

Suffering brings perspective to life- what is important and what is not.

Suffering reminds me that this is not home.

Suffering reminds me that I need help.

Suffering, when shared, also leads to an intimate relationship.

JESUS GETS IT- That is why He came.

“...Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows (suffering). But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NLT)

HOW TO LET JESUS WORK IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

1. I must place my complete trust in Him and allow Him to work in it.

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life. Yes, I am the bread of life!” John 6:47-48 (NLT)

“If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate (The Holy Spirit), who will never leave you.” **John 14:15-16 (NLT)**

The Spirit of God (the Holy Spirit), who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. **Romans 8:11 (NLT)**

2. I, like Jesus, must practice looking beyond the dash. (Dwell on eternity.)

*...And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. **For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*** **Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)**

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. **Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)**

3. I must remember that suffering will not last; it is temporary.

Jesus said, “...Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.”

John 16:22 (NIV)

Jesus said, “Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.”

John 16:20 (NIV)

4. I must strive to know Jesus more intimately.

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. **Philippians 1:21 (NIV)**

Going deeper on your own: Connect to Heaven. Have you ever really studied Heaven? Pastor Jay recommends using these resources to assist with your understanding: *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn, *Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo, and *90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper.