



³... but we _____ in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces _____,
⁴ and endurance produces _____, and character produces _____...
Romans 5:3-4

Hope – a _____ (in the midst of our suffering) that something _____ is coming. Not only hope of eternity but in the present trials of life. A confidence in God’s _____ and _____ to bring us through difficult times to something good! Not superficial optimism but _____ that God has something good planned for us that will surely come to pass.

1. Adopt a _____ about our hardships

God’s Word depicts our sufferings in a _____ light.

The Bible calls our pain, numbing heartache, deep disappointment, out of control circumstances “_____ and _____” (**2 Cor 4:17**) compared to what _____ is producing for us in heaven.

2. _____ to Him

In God’s economy, every _____ begins with a cry for help.

3. _____ to be _____

Biblical brokenness - an act of the _____. To _____ my will to God’s will. Where I say _____ to what God wants over what I want. It is a decision to _____ myself and acknowledge my need for help. Where God strips me of my self-sufficiency and _____ so the life of Christ can be made manifest in me.

4. _____

5. Become Like _____ in our suffering

For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 2 Cor 4:11

Suffering reveals our true _____. Reveals in us what needs to _____.
The greatest good of the Christian life is not the absence of pain but the growth of _____.

To be like Christ in suffering is to be _____, _____ to the
Father, _____ on the Father, self-controlled, _____, longsuffering,
_____, compassionate, self-sacrificial.

6. Choose to _____ God

The Hebrew word used most often for TRUST in the Old Testament means “to
_____ oneself to” ...it’s our _____ attachment. Whatever we place
our ultimate trust in is our “_____”.

You will keep in perfect _____ him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You. Isaiah 26:3

Biblical peace: _____ and tranquility of soul in the _____ of difficult
circumstances. _____ of worry and anxiety.

7. _____ your _____ is coming and _____ Him!

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we _____ of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us _____ not on ourselves but on _____ who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that _____ again. ¹¹ You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. 2 Cor 1:8-11

Praise positions us to _____ God _____.

8. _____

God comforts...***us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to _____ who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Cor 1:4***

_____ steals our contentment.