

Growing in Faith

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The symptoms of stagnant faith:

1. Has _____ of _____
2. Seldom attempts _____ for _____
3. Bears _____ for God's _____
4. More apt to _____ when _____ to _____

How to grow in faith and love:

1. _____ them with a _____ of _____
2. _____ with God through _____
3. _____ to _____ in Christ-centered _____
4. _____ to others through _____

A biblical perspective on suffering:

1. Suffering is _____ a _____ of _____
2. Perseverance _____ we're _____ in Jesus' _____
3. Our response to suffering reveals the difference between _____ and _____ faith

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

The Bible Recap:

1. While a bit challenging to read through, what did you learn about God's love, holiness, and grace from Leviticus 16-23?

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

1. How does it help you to remember that, in Christ, God is your Father?
2. Paul thanked God for the Thessalonians' increasing faith and love. For whose faith and love are you thankful?
3. When have you struggled with feeling your faith is inadequate? Perhaps you'll want to review the symptoms of stagnant faith from the sermon. Are any of these true of your faith?
4. What gives Paul the right to "boast" about the Thessalonians?

5. Persecutions and trials sometimes lead to increased perseverance and faith, but not always. What makes the difference?

6. Are you experiencing problems and trials today? How can your Growth Group pray for you?

Taking it Home:

1. How will you exercise faith and love this week in a specific way or relationship?

Prayer Concerns: