# COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH



## The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

### **Reasons for suffering**

- 1. Repentance (Lk 13:1-5)
- 2. Reliance (2 Cor 1:8-9)
- 3. Righteousness (Heb 12:6-11)
- 4. Reward (2 Cor 4:16-18)
- 5. Revelation (Ro 8:18-23)

Ro 8:18-23 "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies."

Rom 8:26-27 "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

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"The same man may both flee and stand, as the call and working of God with his heart may determine. Moses fled (Ex. 2:15); Moses stood (Heb 11:27). David fled (1 Sam. 19:12); David stood (1 Sam. 24:8). Jeremiah fled (Jer. 37:11-12); Jeremiah stood (Jer. 38:17). Christ withdrew himself (Lk 19:10); Christ stood (Jhn 18:1-8). Paul fled (2 Cor. 11:33); Paul stood (Acts 20:22-23)."

When do we risk and when do we not?

V15-16, "You have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a Spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God."

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1 Ptr 4:11 "Whoever speaks [must do so] as one who speaks the oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies – in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

## And call on me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you shall glorify

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