

**What Comes Out When Life Squeezes You?
September 20, 2020 * 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4**

Suffering cannot take away

- your relationship with _____ – the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 8:35, 37–39

Refuse to get angry at God or to turn away from God

- your relationship with the _____ of God (church)

Refuse to become hardened or bitter, to strike out, to isolate yourself from others

Suffering doesn't hide truth

Satan seeks to _____ (1 Peter 5:8) - as a roaring lion

Satan seeks to _____ (2 Cor. 11:3) - as a serpent

1 Peter 5:9–11

What does suffering reveal about you?

Is your _____ growing?

Romans 5:3-5

Mark 4:16–19

Is your _____ increasing?

Ephesians 5:1–2

Is your _____ holding?

“persecutions” (1:4) = “attacks from without”

“afflictions” (1:4) = literally means “pressures,” or affliction that result from the trials

“troubles” (1:7) = “to be pressed into a narrow place.”

James 1:2-4

Bringing God's Word home

- ✓ Are you going through a difficult time right now?
- ✓ Is your faith in God growing stronger?
- ✓ Are you including others in your life – are you building bridges or walls?
- ✓ What has God taught you recently through tough times?

Fill in the blanks: God, people, devour, deceive, faith, love, resolve