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How To Suffer

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The Rhythm Of Relationship

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Our Current Reality

- _____ Experiences

_____.

Count it all joy, my brothers, **when** you meet trials of various kinds.

(James 1:2 English Standard Version, Emphasis Added)

The Power Of His Presence

- _____ Has _____ Into

Our _____.

Let's begin with the tears of Jesus. What do we learn from them? When Jesus reaches Mary, she asks him a major theological question: "Lord, why weren't you here? You could have stopped this." She asked him a question, but he couldn't even speak. He just wept. ... He is troubled. He is deeply moved.

This reaction is startling because when Jesus enters this situation, he comes with two things you and I don't have. First, he comes in knowing why it happened. He knows how he is going to turn it into a manifestation of the glory of God. ... The second thing he has is power. He can do something about the problem. You and I can't do a thing to undo it. Yet still he weeps. Why? ...

Because he is perfect. He is perfect love. He will not close his heart, even for ten minutes. He will not refuse to enter in. He doesn't say, "There's not much point in entering into all this grief." He goes in.

(Tim Keller, *The Hardest Sermons You'll Ever Have To Preach*)

Focusing On What Is True

- 1) _____ Is _____.

So do not fear, for I am with you;

do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

(Isaiah 41:10)

- 2) _____ Is _____.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:6-7)