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WHERE STRUGGLES SEEM ENDLESS,
GOD'S HOPE IS INFINITE.

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Saint Patrick was

a) Irish

b) Welsh

c) English

d) Scottish

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Exodus 1:8-14 *NLT*

⁸ Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done.

⁹ He said to his people,

“Look, the people of Israel

now outnumber us

and are stronger than we are.

Exodus 1:8-14 *NLT*

¹⁰ We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more.

If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us.

Then they will escape from the country.”

Exodus 1:8-14 *NLT*

¹¹ So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor.

Exodus 1:8-14 *NLT*

¹¹ They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king.

¹² But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, and the more alarmed the Egyptians became.

Exodus 1:8-14 *NLT*

¹³ So the Egyptians worked the people of Israel without mercy.

¹⁴ They made their lives bitter, forcing them to mix mortar and make bricks and do all the work in the fields. They were ruthless in all their demands.



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Exodus 1:11 *NLT*

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Exodus 1:13-14 *NLT*

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SUFFERING CAN BE IMPOSED:

+ by natural disasters

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+ by disease, DNA, dying, and death

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+ by other people

SUFFERING IMPOSED
BY OTHER PEOPLE BY:

+ an individual upon an individual

SUFFERING IMPOSED
BY OTHER PEOPLE BY:

+ an individual upon an individual

+ an individual upon a group

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SUFFERING IMPOSED
BY A GROUP UPON A GROUP:

+ unintentional / accidental

SUFFERING IMPOSED BY A GROUP UPON A GROUP:

+ unintentional / accidental

+ prejudice

SUFFERING IMPOSED BY A GROUP UPON A GROUP:

+ unintentional / accidental

+ prejudice

+ oppression / exploitation / slavery

SUFFERING IMPOSED BY A GROUP UPON A GROUP:

+ unintentional / accidental

+ prejudice

+ oppression / exploitation / slavery

+ fights / genocide / wars

SUFFERING MADE PERSONAL:

+ my grandfather

SUFFERING MADE PERSONAL:

+ my grandfather

+ my children & grandchildren

SUFFERING MADE PERSONAL:

+ my grandfather

+ my children & grandchildren

+ my spouse

SUFFERING MADE PERSONAL:

+ my grandfather

+ my children & grandchildren

+ my spouse

+ my self



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“Most people wish that they could erase suffering from the world entirely. In today's culture of comfort and instant gratification, there is no patience for suffering. Most people try to numb it by drugs, escape, divorce – they will do anything but *live* with it.”

-- *Joni Eareckson Tada, Beyond Suffering Bible*

Beyond Suffering Breakthrough #1

Suffering Grows Us

“God uses suffering to develop maturity, endurance, and strength of character in us.”

-- *Joni Eareckson Tada, Beyond Suffering Bible*

Romans 5:3-5 *NLT*

³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment...

“Although suffering is painful,
it matures and refines our character,
making us into more effective servants.
Patience in difficulties,
empathy for the pain of others, and
courage to reach out and offer assistance
are all developed through the fires of
physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering.

-- *Joni Eareckson Tada, Beyond Suffering Bible*

“empathy for the pain of others, and
courage to reach out”

Get involved with a group
that’s reaching out
to another group

“reach out and offer assistance”



Beyond Suffering Breakthrough #1

Suffering Grows Us

Beyond Suffering Breakthrough #2

Suffering Gets Us
Out of the Way

“It is a totally different way
of looking at suffering.

Not as the world perceives it,
but as the Bible explains it,
God's power always shows up best
in our weakness...

See your weakness as an ally,
not an enemy.”

-- *Joni Eareckson Tada, Beyond Suffering Bible*

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 *NLT*

⁸ Three different times

I begged the Lord to take it away.

⁹ Each time he said,

“My grace is all you need.

My power works best in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 *NLT*

⁹ ... So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

¹⁰ That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses ...

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 *NLT*

¹⁰ ... and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ.

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Beyond Suffering Breakthrough #2

Suffering Gets Us
Out of the Way

Beyond Suffering Breakthrough #3

Suffering Positions Us
To Follow Jesus' Way

Luke 9:22-24 *NLT*

²² “The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things,” Jesus said.

“He will be rejected ...

He will be killed,

but on the third day

he will be raised from the dead.”

Luke 9:22-24 *NLT*

²³ Then he said to the crowd,
“If any of you wants to be my follower,
you must give up your own way,
take up your cross daily, and follow
me.

Luke 9:22-24 *NLT*

²⁴ “If you try to hang on to your life,
you will lose it.

But if you give up your life for my sake,
you will save it.”

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