

“Gaining Through Pain”

Complete in Christ—Part 4

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II Corinthians 11:28—“Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.”

1. Use our suffering to _____ .

Colossians 1:24 – “Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.”

Types of Suffering:

1. Adamic Suffering
2. Demonic Suffering
3. Victim Suffering
4. Collective Suffering
5. Disciplinary Suffering
6. Persecution Suffering
7. Empathetic Suffering
8. Providential Suffering
9. Punishment Suffering
10. Consequential Suffering

Your suffering does not DEFINE you! It's how you RESPONDE to your suffering that defines you.

2. Focus on Jesus and _____ .

Colossians 1:18b (Emp. Added) – “I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

3. We must _____ what we are learning.

Colossians 1:28-29 – “He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”