



## “Christian Suffering”

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“\_\_\_\_\_” (Philippians 1:1) means people that are separate and set apart for the purposes of God.

**REALITY:** We are going to \_\_\_\_\_ in our world because we are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Insights for Christian Suffering from Philippians 1:**

**1. Suffering is not \_\_\_\_\_.**

“I am in chains for Christ.” ~Philippians 1:13b

**2. Suffering is not \_\_\_\_\_.**

“<sup>12</sup>Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.” ~Philippians 1:12

**3. Suffering is not a cause for \_\_\_\_\_.** Verse 18-19

“Yes, and I will continue to rejoice” ~Philippians 1:18b

**4. Suffering \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**PROBLEM:** Our identity in Christ dictates that we are intentionally and necessarily abnormal.

"Holy people" (Philippians 1:1) means people that are separate and set apart for the purposes of God.

**REALITY:** We are going to experience struggles in our world because we are abnormal.

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"I am in chains for Christ." ~Philippians 1:13b

2. Suffering is not meaningless.

"<sup>12</sup>Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel." ~Philippians 1:12

3. Suffering is not a cause for despair. Verse 18-19

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## 4. Suffering reveals what is important.

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