# Study Notes: Suffering and Glory Are Inseparable

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Scripture: Romans 8:17-18

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## The Brutal Climb

Chris's illustration - climbing Mount Washington with his sister for her 50th birthday, in the wrong shoes, for a mountain neither of them was ready for.

- It's the tallest mountain on the East Coast, and it's not just tall, it's a ____ mountain with unpredictable weather.

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## Together With Christ

Romans 8:17 - the verse he has everyone underline in their Bibles.

> *In fact, together with Christ, we are heirs of God's ____.*
>
> *If we are to share in his glory, we must also share his ____.*

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## The Greek Word Behind 'Suffering'

The Greek word behind "suffering" in verse 17.

- The word suffering in the original language means misfortune, or ____.

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## The Global Church's Suffering

2024 persecution statistics Chris shared - Nigeria, Rwanda, Afghanistan, North Korea, places where Word of Life has camps and ministry presence.

- In Nigeria alone, over a 24-month period, more than 10,000 followers of Jesus were ____ because they followed Jesus.

- In Rwanda in 2024, 4,000 evangelical churches were closed because they followed ____.

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## The Message's Core Statement

*Suffering and ____ are inseparable.*

## Eager Hope

Romans 8:18 - the turn from suffering to promise.

*What we suffer now is nothing compared to the ____ he will reveal to us later.*

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## 1 Corinthians 15's Resurrection Parallel

1 Corinthians 15 - the resurrection parallel Chris draws for our future bodies.

*Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in ____.*

*They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in ____.*

## The Takeaway

- It's okay to have a painful, suffering, difficult life and still have joy, because our joy and our hope are not found in this world, but in eternity.

## Reflect

1. Chris shared that in 2024 alone, thousands of believers in places like Nigeria, Rwanda, Afghanistan, and North Korea were murdered, imprisoned, or driven from destroyed churches simply for following Jesus. How does hearing that change the way you think about the hard things in your own life right now?

2. He said suffering and glory "go together" and it's okay - that we shouldn't run from pain or be surprised by it. What is one difficulty in your life you have been trying to avoid or explain away instead of bringing to God honestly?

3. Chris compared the Christian life to climbing Mount Washington - painful and unexpected, but worth it because of the summit waiting at the end. What is one "unexpected climb" you're in right now that you can start seeing as part of the journey instead of a reason to quit?