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Attitude Toward Adversity

When I think about all that Paul endured as a Christian, I am so amazed at the price he paid just to be a follower of Jesus. False teachers in Corinth tried to parade all they had done for the Lord as evidence of the fact they preached the truth. This forced Paul to give an abbreviated summary of how much he had suffered. “From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches” (2 Cor. 11:24-28). Has anyone ever suffered more?

It is even more amazing to see how Paul describes such adversity. He calls it light affliction which is just for a moment, and says it is not worthy to be compared to what awaits us (2 Cor. 4:17; Rom. 8:18). Light afflictions? Wonder how he might look at what we are suffering.

Yet we get depressed when anyone says even one word about the religious convictions we have. We sometimes cower in fear and remain silent when others are advocating and defending sin. When we occasionally have to refuse to go where our friends are going because we know this is not a place where we should be, we feel bad.

Paul says that all who live godly lives in Christ will suffer persecution (2 Tim. 3:12). We may have fewer friends, who think it strange that now that we are Christians we cannot live as we once did (1 Pet. 4:3). We may have family problems simply because Jesus shows that being a Christian causes others to have such disdain for us (Matt. 10:34-35). Early Christians could not buy or sell or get money because they would not worship pagan gods. You may have been bypassed for promotion simply because you would not “go with the flow” of your employer. It may be rare, but I have known Christians who have suffered physical abuse because they followed the Lord.

What do we learn from this? We are going to suffer in some way, but it is nothing to compare with what those early Christians suffered. If they called their torture light affliction, how would they describe the inconveniences in our lives? All that matters is our attitude. They rejoiced that they were worthy to suffer for Him (Acts 5:31). Do you have this joy?

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Tennessee Children's Home Food Drive

The list for needed items is on the bulletin board. Pickup will be April 4th.

Today's Sermons

AM - Perils We All Face
Numbers 10-14

PM - A Beautiful Life
Galatians 6:10

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Freddie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Charles & Ruby Malone,
Phillip Mulins, Gordon Love,
Jerry Crabb, Philip Mullins,
Karen Chance, Maery Lewis

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett
Ramona Thurston, April Richey
David & Nell Briley, Chris Buford

Pantry Item

Dry Pinto or Northern Beans

Happenings

South Jackson

April 9

Ray will be speaking in
Elizabethtown, Ky

April 16

Men's Business Meeting

April 30

Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal
Afternoon service will be at 1:30
PM

Cards to Send

Cindy Kidder
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Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	52/8
AM Worship	79/16
PM Worship	40/0
Wed Bible Study	61/5
Contribution	3028

Those Privileged to Serve

Apr 2 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

Apr 9 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ken Ross

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Joe Venable

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer: Mike Wages

Sermon: John Sawyer

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Apr 5 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

Apr 12 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John SMith

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Pack

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM