



The Journey of a Lifetime

Session 2: Experiencing God...A Life Lived

Life is all about experiences.
Your personal experiences equal your story.

- A. The journey of our Christian life has the dynamite resource of Christ's Resurrection power to help us live victoriously.
(Eph. 1:15-23; Eph. 3:20)
1. As believers, we have power over sin.
 - a. Romans 6:3-10
 - b. Romans 6:11
 2. As believers, we have power to live in obedience.
 - a. All the resources of Christ's resurrection power are at our disposal to live in obedience. (Rom. 6:4-5)
 - b. A person can live her new life with the same supernatural power that brought Jesus out of the grave. (Phil. 4:13)
 3. As believers, we have power to proclaim the Gospel.
 - a. As promised, Christ's resurrection power was given to all on the day of Pentecost for the purpose of being Christ's witnesses. (Acts 1:8; Acts 2:38-39)
 - b. Christ's resurrection power enables us to boldly and fruitfully proclaim the Gospel with enthusiasm. (Luke 24)

“Witnessing is not something we do for the Lord; it is something that He does through us, if we are filled with the Holy Spirit.”
(The Bible Exposition Commentary)

B. The journey of our Christian life inevitably involves suffering.

1. Suffering is not foreign to the Christian who lives her life for Christ. In fact, suffering is an unwelcomed friend.

(1 Peter 2:21)

a. Fellowship means to share in common.

b. "Sufferings" is a common word used for the sufferings of Christ during His trial and crucifixion.

2. Suffering is how we truly get to know our God.

a. Through suffering, we begin to understand that there is grace for every place we find ourselves. (2 Cor. 12:9-10)

b. Christ gives us our example of how we are to endure sufferings.

- He did not argue.
- He did not fight back.
- He did not revile His accusers after they reviled Him.
- He committed Himself to His Father and left the outcome to Him.

Notes

