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1 Peter 4:12–13 (CSB)

¹²Dear friends, don't be surprised when the fiery ordeal comes among you to test you as if something unusual were happening to you. ¹³Instead, rejoice as you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may also rejoice with great joy when his glory is revealed.

Philippians 3:10a (CSB)

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2. Self-Inflicted Suffering.

Psalms 51:1–3 (CSB)

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²Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me.

3. Common Suffering.

Romans 8:18–22 (CSB)

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility—not willingly, but because of him who subjected it—in the hope ²¹that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now.

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Romans 5:1–5 (NIV84)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not disappoint us, because

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