

WEEK FIVE

JOURNEY THROUGH TRIALS

Inevitably, we will face hardships and obstacles in life. It's imperative that we remain steadfast in faith and lean on prayer for strength during trials and opposition. Perseverance, conflict resolution, and divine redirection are all part of the transformative power of navigating trials with a focus on God's plan and mission. Difficult as it is in the moment, we should strive to view trials as opportunities for growth and witness, trusting in God's sovereign guidance through all of life's challenges.

Icebreaker

What's your favorite way to exercise? Least favorite?

Discussion Questions

1. How can we remain strong in our faith when facing trials and hardships?

Application: What is one personal challenge you're facing, and how can you apply perseverance and trust in God to your situation?

2. How can prayer help us in difficult times, such as when we face rejection or persecution?

Application: What is a specific situation in your life where you can practice intentional prayer to lean on God's strength?

3. How can we approach and resolve conflicts within the church in a godly manner?

Application: Have you experienced a conflict within the church? How could it have been resolved or approached more effectively using the principles mentioned above?

4. Paul and Barnabas had a hard falling out, but God used their disagreement for good. How can disagreements lead to divine redirection?

Application: Can you think of a time when a disagreement led to a positive change in your life or the lives of others? How did it impact your faith?

5. In Acts 13 and 14, Paul and Barnabas remained joyful and full of the Holy Spirit despite heavy persecution. How can suffering be viewed as a natural part of the gospel journey?

Application: How can you shift your perspective to see suffering as an opportunity for growth and sharing your faith?

Close in prayer.