



# TRANSFORMED

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Romans 5:1 – 8; 8:26 – 30; 12:12 (NIV)

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. – Romans 12:12 (NIV)*

#### BE JOYFUL IN HOPE

- **Rejoice in the hope of God's grace and glory**

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. – Romans 5:1 – 2 (NIV)*

- **Rejoice in the hope of spiritual growth**

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. – Romans 5:3 – 4 (NIV)*

- **Rejoice in the hope of sinners**

*And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:5 – 8 (NIV)*

#### FAITHFUL IN PRAYER

- **Talking to God, knowing the Spirit will help you pray**

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. – Romans 8:26 – 27 (NIV)*

- **Talking to God, knowing He is not done yet**

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. – Romans 8:28 – 30 (NIV)*



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter : What is something in life that has required endurance—spiritual, physical, or emotional?
- Read Romans 5:1 – 2. What does it mean to “*stand*” in God’s grace in your current season? If you were to “*boast*” to the glory of God, what would you say about Him that would strengthen others to persevere?
- Read Romans 5:3 – 4. How have you seen the truth of this verse displayed in your life? How is God growing you?
- Read Romans 5:5 – 8. Discuss the truths of these verses that declare the hope of the good news of Christ.
- Read Romans 8:26 – 27. How does having the Holy Spirit intercede for us give confidence in difficult seasons? Why is knowing the Spirit “*intercedes according to the will of God*” such an empowering truth that leads us to pray and rejoice in hope?
- Read Romans 8:28 – 30. What are some of the promises in these verses, and how do they encourage us to be faithful in prayer?
- Pray for one another after sharing where you need God’s strength to endure.