

## SERMON NOTES

### **Singing While Suffering**

**Acts 16:6-10, 22-36**

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Phil 4:12

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*

Rom 5:3-4

*<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

James 1:2-4

*<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

**WE CAN SING WHILE SUFFERING BECAUSE . . .**

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### **I. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER OUR SUFFERING**

Acts 16:6-7

*<sup>6</sup> Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. <sup>7</sup> When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.*

Rom 8:35-39

*<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:*

*“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

*<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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### II. GOD IS SEEKING OUR GOOD IN SUFFERING

1 Thess 5:18

*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Rom 8:28

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Gen 50:20

*You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*

Acts 16:25

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.*

Psalms 37:4

*Delight yourself in the Lord . . .*

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### III. GOD IS ACCOMPLISHING HIS PURPOSES THROUGH OUR SUFFERING

Acts 16:29-34

<sup>29</sup> *The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

<sup>31</sup> *They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup> The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.*