

JOY AND SUFFERING MEET

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Joy is an ongoing experience from the Trinity that infects all of life, informs every day and energizes each tomorrow.

Persecution		
We have joy when people because we stand for the name of Jesus.		
Luke 6:22-23 —		
persecute =		
How do we respond? We leap for joy		
o because Jesus promised a		
 because this is how messengers of God have always been treated 		
→ overflow =		
We have joy when people		
because of who we are in Jesus.		
Hebrews 10:32-34 –		
→ overflow =		

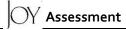
2 Corinthians 8:1-7 -

	Macedonian Math	Modern Math
	severe affliction	"unafflicted" life
+		+
+	extreme poverty	+ comfortable income
=	wealthy generosity	= giving what I car

→ overflow = _____

Pain

- affliction =
 - o relational 2 Corinthians 7:4
 - o spiritual 1 Thessalonians 1:2-7
- trial =
 - o James 1:2-4 -
 - o 1 Peter 1:3-9 -
 - → overflow = _____



Key #1: Suffering stinks.

Key #2: Consider the future during suffering. What is my view of the future? (1 Corinthians 4:7-9, 17-18)

Key #3: Consider Jesus during suffering. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Key #4: Consider derivative sources of joy.

- God's Word, God's People, Worship

Key #5: Consider how joy is overflowing from suffering in your life.