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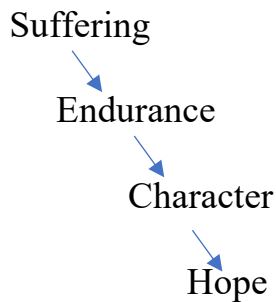
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Two Rejoicings:

→ *Rejoicing in the Hope of the Glory of God*
Romans 8:18-25

→ *Rejoicing in our Suffering*
Romans 5:3-5

How Suffering Builds Hope



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Ice Breaker: Like all words, “*hope*” has a range of meanings. Give some examples of how it is used today.

Read Romans 5:1-5

In the Bible “hope” can be used to communicate a desire that may or may not happen (see Romans 15:24); but in the context of Romans 5 it refers to ***a certain expectation of what has not happened yet***. That certain expectation is based on ***Who God is*** and ***what He has promised***. So, with this definition, discuss the questions below.

1. Romans 5:2 says that Paul rejoices in *the hope of the glory of God*. What is this glory referring to? Tony suggested that Romans 8:18-30 explains this glory. Read through that passage and discuss the usages of the word glory and hope.
2. Paul also rejoices in his sufferings because it actually builds his hope. Read Romans 5:3-5 and discuss the chain of words (suffering – endurance – character – hope) and how each one builds on the other.

→ *Do you find in your experience that your suffering leads to a greater hope? If not, why?*

→ *What lies might you be believing that would thwart God’s purpose in building your hope?*