

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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The Significance of Suffering

(Part 2)

As we noted last week, Scripture acknowledges that suffering is worthy of both complaint and celebration. Suffering can be celebrated because of the good things that it can accomplish in the lives of those who respond constructively to it (cf. Ps. 119:71). Like last week, we're going to consider two more benefits of suffering.

Suffering promotes our spiritual maturity. In Hebrews 12:11, the author says that discipline through some form of suffering is "painful," but "later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." The Greek word for "trained" is *gymnazō*, from which we get our word "gymnasium." The word essentially means to "exercise naked, to train." The first gloss reflects the common practice of athletes in Greco-Roman society. As is the case today, such training involved undergoing a regimen of exercises deliberately aimed at strengthening weak parts of the body and further enhancing the strong ones. Timothy Keller suggests that it might be helpful for us to think of suffering as "God's Gymnasium" (*Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering* 194).

Think about how training and exercise work. When you are doing your bicep curls, your arms feel as if they are getting weaker and weaker, but later they will come back stronger for the experience. In the gym, you *feel* you are getting weaker, and you may leave barely able to walk, yet the experience of weakness will lead to increasing strength. In a similar way, suffering can be viewed as a spiritual training ground that exposes and strengthens our weaknesses, helps us separate the superficial from the stable, and nurtures the noblest virtues of which mankind is capable (cf. Rom. 5:3-5; Jas. 1:2-4).

Suffering proves the authenticity of our faith. The Bible teaches that we should always choose suffering over sin (Heb. 11:24-26; Rev. 2:10). Our greatest example of this is Jesus Christ Himself (1 Pet. 2:21-25). Without question, suffering tests or reveals the genuineness of our faith and love in God (1 Pet. 1:5-7).

How can you and I know that our faith in God is real? When times are good, for instance, how can we know that we serve God because of who He is, not because of how He has blessed us? I would submit that it is only in suffering that faith in God can be known to be *in God*. In other words, when we cling to God despite suffering, we demonstrate to ourselves and to others that we are truly faithful to God and love God for God. This is really what was at the heart of Satan's dealings with Job. Does Job truly trust God and love God for God, or does Job simply love and serve God because of God's provision and protection (Job 1:9-11)? Suffering proved the authenticity of Job's faith, and it does the same for us, too. We simply cannot know whether our faith is genuine unless it is tested. Isn't that an interesting thought? Suffering has significance. One might even be so bold as to say that we need suffering, even if we loathe it.

Jacob Evans

ELDERS: Tim Hammond, 852-4832 Biff Helton, 242-8785 Bob Markus, 762-9779 Eric Nutt, 242-3566

Please speak with the elder chairman regarding anything you'd like the elders to discuss or to arrange a time to meet with them.
The elder chairman for April, May, and June is **Tim Hammond**.

DEACONS: Shayne Adams Joe Cook Jacob Cothren Jim Donnelly Mark Evans Scott Harris
Billy Helton III Reggie Holt Shane Hughes Andy Lee Mark Miller Brad Nielsen Caleb Shadrick

MINISTERS: Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325 Jeremy Gargis, 931-231-9557 **Hispanic Ministry:** Rodolfo Espinoza, 615-516-0650 **AGAPE COUNSELOR,** 931-762-8502

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – May 3, 2020

Front Door – T.J. and Sammie Hughes
West Door – Kim Smith and Matthew Smith
East Door – C.J. Thigpen and DeAnna Thigpen



AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Andy Lee

MORNING WORSHIP – May 3, 2020

OPENING PRAYER.....Brad Nielsen

PRESIDE AT TABLE.....Billy Helton III and Shayne Adams

SERVE AT TABLE

Joe Gambrell.....Patrick Hughes
Brian Robertson.....Ethan Cooper
Brent McKamey.....Mike Keill

USHERS

Tanner Romsdal, Caleb Shadrick,
Tommy McClaren, Joe Cook

CLOSING PRAYER.....Brandon Snider

*If you cannot serve on Sunday morning,
please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920 or Ricky Smith at 244-5982.*

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – May 3, 2020

Ushers.....Shayne Adams and Reggie Holt
Front Door Greeters.....Brad and Emily Nielsen
Scripture Reading, John 5: 5-15.....Eric Nutt
Lead Prayer.....Biff Helton
Closing Prayer.....Matthew Dickey
Communion & Contribution.....Cayden Hughes

*If you cannot serve on Sunday evening, please call
Eric Nutt at 242-3566 or Jeremy Gargis at 231-9557.*

The elders ask that our Bible readings come from the King James Version, the New King James Version, or the English Standard Version.

WEDNESDAY EVENING – May 6, 2020

Scripture Reading, Genesis 7: 17-24.....Robert Morris
Lead Prayer.....Chuck Richardson
Closing Prayer.....T.J. Hughes
If you cannot serve on Wednesday, please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920.

VAN DRIVERS for May 3 and May 6

Call the driver listed below if you won't be riding the van.

SUNDAY MORNING.....Scott Harris, 931-629-5994
SUNDAY EVENING.....Jackie Keaton, 931-242-4376
WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Steve Sisk, 931-215-3146
If you cannot drive the van, please contact Scott Harris at 629-5994.

PROJECTOR OPERATORS – May 3 and May 6

SUNDAY MORNING.....Shayne Adams
SUNDAY EVENING.....Darrin McKamey
WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Mark Miller

SERVING THROUGHOUT MAY

Baptismal Clothes.....Judy Butler and Sandi Cook
Please check at each service for garments and towels that need to be washed. The baptistry is used frequently for jail ministry baptisms.

Sunday Morning Song Leader.....Eric Nutt
Sunday Evening Song Leader.....Jeremy Gargis
Wednesday Evening Song Leader.....Carter Hughes

Prepare Communion.....Christy Smith
Pick up Cups.....Olen and Diane Springer

April 15 and April 19, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....—
Sunday Morning Worship.....—
Sunday Evening Worship.....—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....\$9,005.00
Average (last available).....\$9,843.51

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SCHEDULE of SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:25 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.*
Wednesday night.....7:00 p.m.
(*Each 4th and 5th Sunday evening service is at 1 p.m.)

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

◆ On WDXE AM 1370/FM 102.5 ◆ 12:45 p.m. ◆ Monday – Friday ◆
The upcoming week of April 27 – May 1 will be hosted
by the **CREWSTOWN** Church of Christ.

PANTRY LIST

instant potatoes/8 oz. pkg. **rice**/1 lb. bag
crackers/1 lb. box **macaroni & cheese**/7.25 oz. box
quick oats/18 or 42 oz. **OR** boxes of individual packets
dried beans/1 lb. bag **ramen noodles**/3 oz. pkg.
cans of: **tuna**/6 oz. **Vienna sausage**/5 oz. **salmon**/15 oz.
SpaghettiOs, ravioli, etc./15 oz. can
fruit or vegetable juice/46 oz. can or bottle
peanut butter/18 oz. jar **soup**/10.5 oz. can
canned vegetables/14.5 oz. can...
(corn, green beans, peas, baked beans, pork & beans, etc.)
canned fruit/15 ¾ oz. (peach, pear, etc.)
canned meat/12-24 oz. (Spam, Treet, Chicken, etc.)
jelly, jam, or preserves/18-32 oz. jar

*Monetary contributions are always welcome!
Make check payable to Pulaski Street Church of Christ,
and please indicate "PANTRY" on the memo line.
Thank you!*

Services, events, and office hours could continue to be altered, postponed, or cancelled due to recommendations regarding the current coronavirus situation.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, April 21:

DONNA MARSTON had another chemotherapy treatment last week and is scheduled for one more on May 7. The side effects are difficult, but Donna was feeling some better as of Monday, April 20. Surgery will be scheduled sometime following the May 7 chemo treatment. *5 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

RUBY WELCH is in Maury Regional, Rm. 381, with heart problems. *411 Morris Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

BOBBY CURTIS, uncle of **Eric Nutt** and brother-in-law of **Howard Nutt**, is in St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro. He has COPD, and he is not doing well. *1007 Whitehall Rd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.*

ANNIE HARDISON, a dear friend of **Dean Hughes**, fell and broke her left shoulder. She is recovering after surgery and will be wearing some type of brace for six weeks as she heals. *1788 Medical Park Drive, Apt. E405, Biloxi, MS 39532.*

DANA LOVELESS, wife of **Chad Loveless** who preaches at Old Hope church of Christ in Thompson's Station, TN, has stage 4 breast cancer. Her 50th birthday is on May 4, and her husband has asked people to send cards to her and to pray for her. Please send cards to Dana at *2828 Old Hickory Blvd #1801, Nashville, TN 37221.*

Please continue to remember: Mary Louisa Belew, Kym Bilbrey Brown, Willodean Campbell, Lorene Chandler, Nell Dixon, Ruth Goff, Donna Helton, Michael Mashburn, Thelma McCloud, Chad Brown, Phillip Gattis, Dustin Haltom, Martha Hampton, Kevin Huckaby, Linda Jenkins, Clifford Doyle Johnson, Linda Kelley, Keith Mattox, Emma Moore, Jay Thomas, and all those recently mentioned.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **MARY ANN CURTIS**. Mary Ann was the aunt of **Eric Nutt** and the sister-in-law of **Howard Nutt**. She was the sister of the late **Jeannette Nutt**. A graveside service with only immediate family attending was held on Tuesday, April 21, in Waynesboro, TN.

THANK YOU

Dear Pulaski Street family,

Thank you so much for your prayers for me and for the cards I received during this trying time. Love, **Donna Helton**

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I just want you to know how much joy you brought me with the "Drive By" happy birthday wishes, with shouts, horn blowing, waving, and smiles. I will never forget my 84th birthday. I'm sorry I didn't come out on the porch instead of poking my head out the door, but I was having a pajama day. Ha! Thank you again to all that took this time for me to be so blessed. My love to everyone. Love, **Thelma Boyd**

Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers since I have been sick. They have meant so much to me. **Willodean Campbell**

Dear Church family,

I just wanted to thank those involved in the Easter goody bags. Definitely put a smile on my face! I also wanted to thank those involved with the senior signs! I'm so blessed to have such a caring church family. Love, **Callie Rose**

YOUTH NEWS

Somebody recently asked me, "Off the top of your head, who are the first two women from the Bible that come to your mind?" The two women couldn't have been more different. My answer? Jezebel and Esther.

Jezebel is known for her iniquitous ways. She was as terrible a queen as you could imagine. Because of the fact that she was so sinful, she is a memorable character from Scripture.

Esther is known for her loyalty and beauty. She was a good queen whose faithfulness and courage spared her people. For good reason, she is a memorable character from Scripture.

We will all be remembered, whether for our good deeds or our wicked ones. Be like Esther. Be remembered for your goodness.

Until next time, Jeremy Gargis

INFO and REMINDERS

The elders, Jacob, and Jeremy plan to lead an abbreviated **worship service** at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 26, (and following Sundays as necessary).

TO ACCESS:

Via Internet

To join the live stream, you can go to one of two places: (1) **Jacob's Facebook Page** or (2) **Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel**. You will NOT be able to access the livestream worship service through Pulaski Street's Facebook page.



During his sermon, Jacob will be able to incorporate PowerPoint slides for visual learners and avid note-takers.

Recordings of the Sunday morning services will be uploaded to YouTube. You may view the videos by going to www.youtube.com. Type "Pulaski Street Church of Christ" in the search box to find our channel.

Via radio

The Sunday morning services will **air at about 6 p.m.** on Sunday evenings over **the radio**. (6 p.m. is not an exact time; the broadcast should begin sometime between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) 106.1 FM (Lawrenceburg), 93.1 FM (Loretto), or 590 AM (Lawrence County). (You will also be able to access the broadcast through the X Radio App on both Apple and Android.)

On **Wednesday evenings**, Jacob will be **live streaming** a **devotional message from his Facebook page** and **from Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel** at 7 p.m.

We're doing all we can to stay connected to our church family from the youngest to the oldest. Please share this information with anyone you might know who could benefit from it.

During **office hours (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)** you may pick up personal communion kits and/or drop off your weekly contribution or money to help feed Ingram Sowell students. You can also mail contributions/donations to 247 Pulaski Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Graduates, please e-mail your photos and info to pulstch@pulaskistreet.com, especially your **SENIOR PICTURE**.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Services and events may continue to be altered, postponed, or cancelled due to recommendations/directives regarding the current COVID-19 situation.					1	2 Billy Helton Hudson Serrett
3 Jacob Gallian <i>Combined Devo</i>	4 Brandon Snider Chris Sockwell Kim Pope	5 Cedar Cothren <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB</i>	6 Madison Maggard	7 Clint Thigpen	8 Jim Donnelly Dan Haislip Ellie Shadrick	9
10 Ray Ezell Sullivan Keill <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Senior Night</i>	11	12 Amanda Keill Vickie Crouch	13 <i>Songs Class, 6:15 pm, auditorium</i>	14 Alena Dowlen JoAnn Hollman	15 Tony Parrish	16 Polly Gray Taela Jeffries
17 JoJo Gieske Tasha Holcomb	18 Michael Smith <i>Widows Breakfast, 9:30 am, Hardee's</i>	19 <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB</i>	20 Rickey Crouch	21 Debbie Cockrell	22 	23 Barbara Sisk Andrew Holcomb Cora Michaud
24 <i>4th Sunday, 1 pm service</i>	25 MEMORIAL DAY 	26 Chris Michaud DeAnna Thigpen Rodolfo Espinoza	27 Donna Helton <i>Songs Class, 6:15 pm, auditorium</i>	28 Isabella Holcomb Beckett Nielsen	29 Scott Harris	30
31 Jacy Haislip <i>5th Sunday, 1 pm service</i>	<i>Get ready for Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 7-11, 2020.</i>					