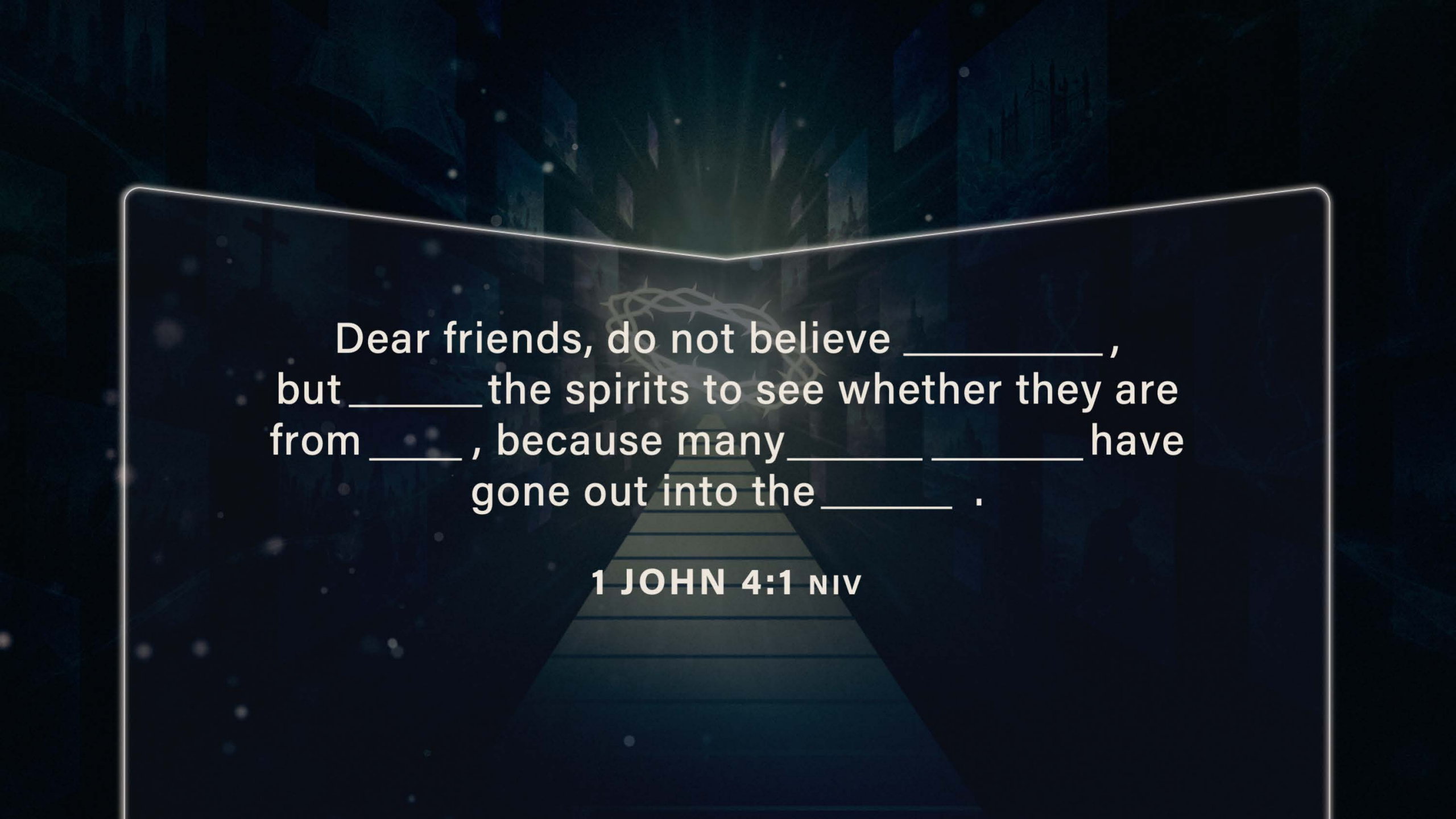

FOUR-PART SERMON SERIES
ARE YOU
READY
FOR THE
END?
ETERNAL TRUTHS IN UNCERTAIN LIVING
OCT 10/11 TO OCT 31/NOV 1


Dear friends, do not believe _____,
but _____ the spirits to see whether they are
from _____, because many _____ _____ have
gone out into the _____ .
1 JOHN 4:1 NIV

MEMORY VERSE

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits to see whether they are
from God, because many false prophets have
gone out into the world.

1 JOHN 4:1 NIV

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL

ABOUT THE BIBLE?

PART 1/4



- The Bible is God's revelation to us
- The Bible is trustworthy
- The Bible is our authority

WHY IS

SALVATION IMPORTANT?

PART 2 / 4



- Salvation **saves us from sin**
- Salvation **crucifies our old life**
- Salvation **unites us with Christ**
- Salvation **brings us under the Lordship of Christ**

WHAT HAPPENS

IN THE END?

- Jesus is Coming Back
  Live your life with Anticipation
- All will be Judged
  Live your life with Accountability
- There will be a New Heaven and a New Earth
  Live your life with an Assured Hope



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HOW DO WE
DEAL WITH
SUFFERING?
PART 4/4



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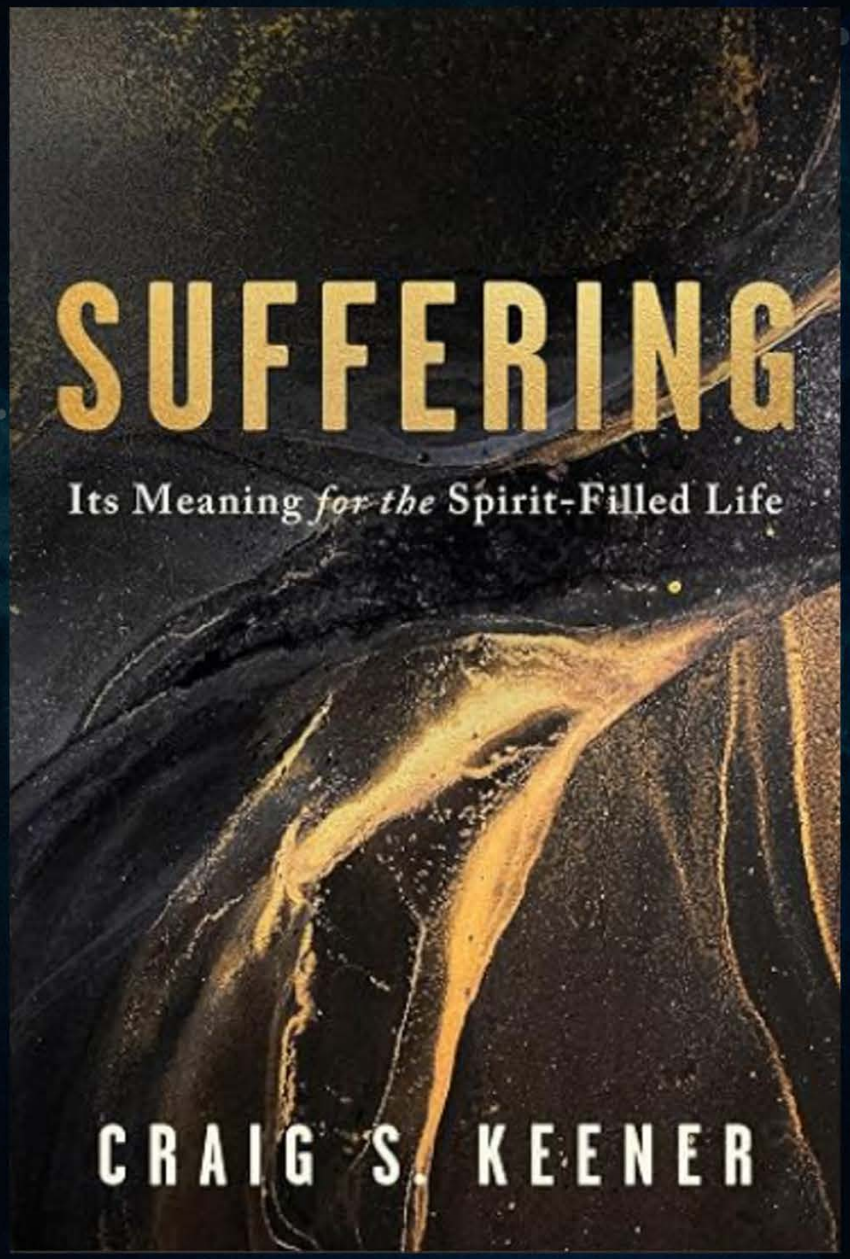
- ***Páthēma***
  Suffering, hardship, affliction [earthly trials]
  ROMANS 8:18; 1 PETER 4:13

- ***Thlipsik / thlípsis***
  Tribulation, affliction, distress, oppression, or pressure.
  JOHN 16:33; ROMANS 5:3



EMBRACE SUFFERING

AS PART OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE


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31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man
must suffer many things and be **rejected** by the
elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the
law, and that he must be **killed** and **after three**
days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and
Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

MARK 8:31-34 NIV

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples,
he rebuked Peter. **“Get behind me, Satan!”** he said.
“You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but
merely human concerns.” 34 Then he called the
crowd to him along with his disciples and said:
“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

MARK 8:31-34 NIV

Embracing suffering is part of knowing and becoming like Christ



I want to **know Christ**—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and **participation in his sufferings, becoming like him** in his death

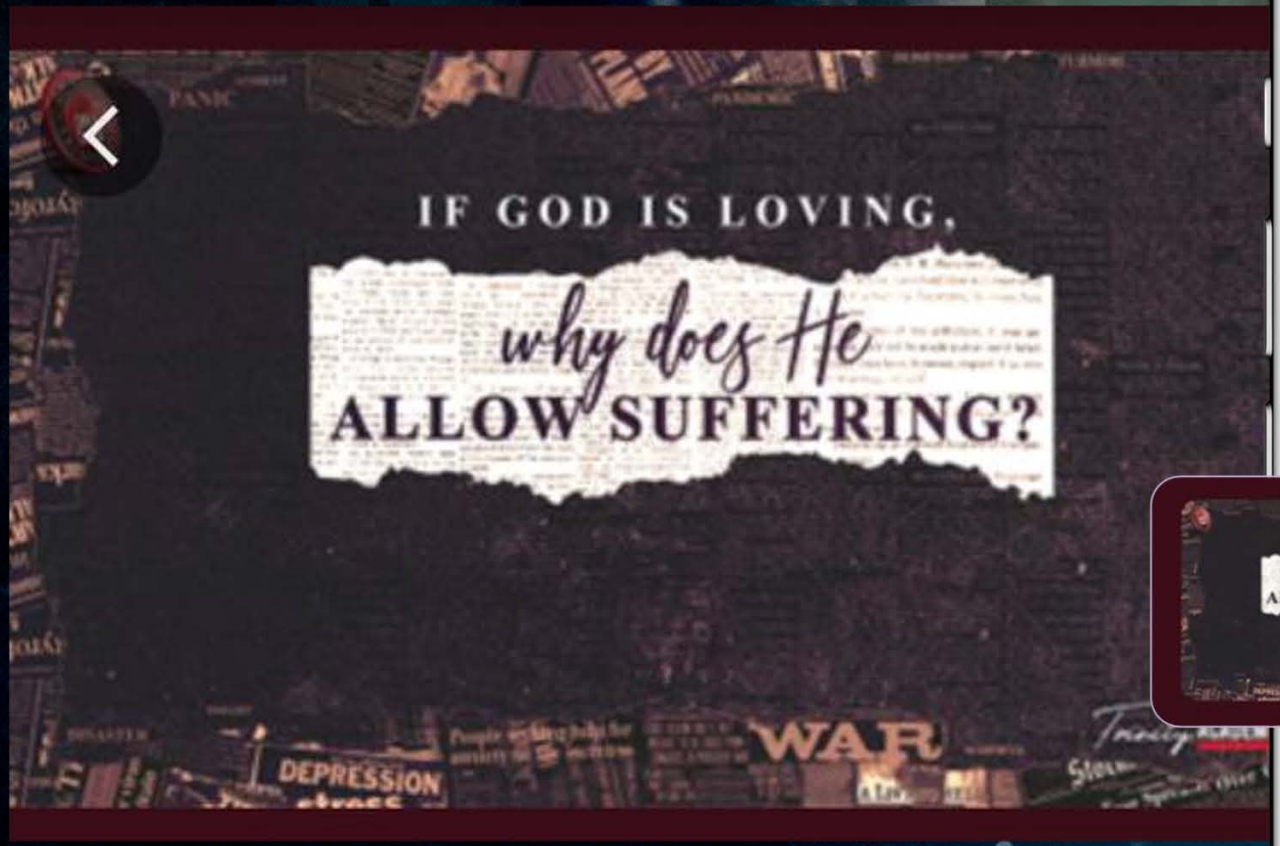
PHILIPPIANS 3:10 NIV

Embracing suffering is part of knowing and becoming like Christ

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

ROMANS 5:3-5 NIV

TRINITY ACADEMY ON-THE-GO







ENTRUST EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING TO JESUS

Jesus can empathize with our sufferings and can help us.

14 Therefore, since we have **a great high priest who has ascended into heaven**, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

15 **For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses,** but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

HEBREWS 4:14-16 NIV

Jesus can empathize with our sufferings and can help us.

[16]Let us then **approach God's throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may **receive mercy and find grace** to help us in our time of need.

HEBREWS 4:14-16 NIV

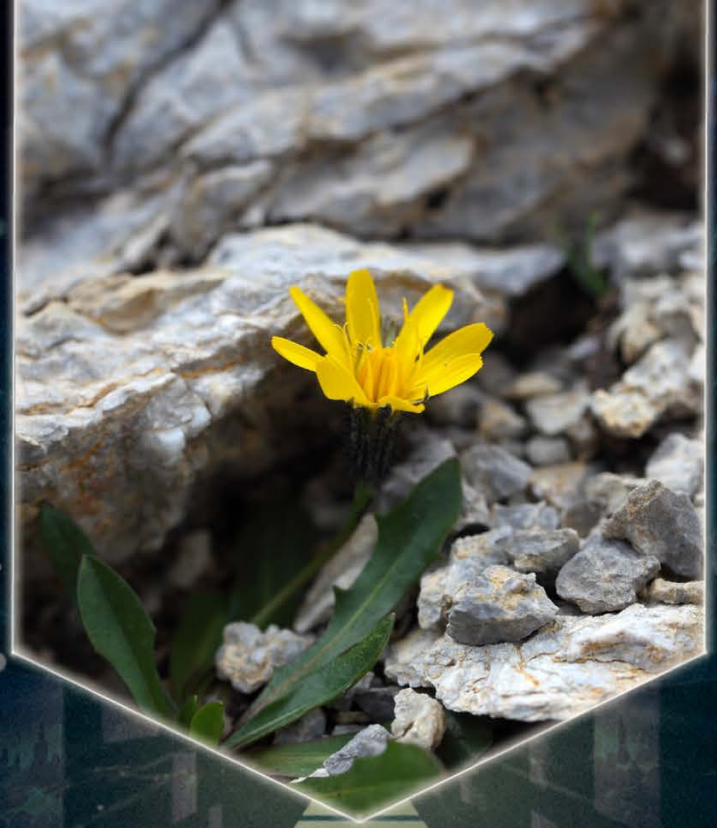




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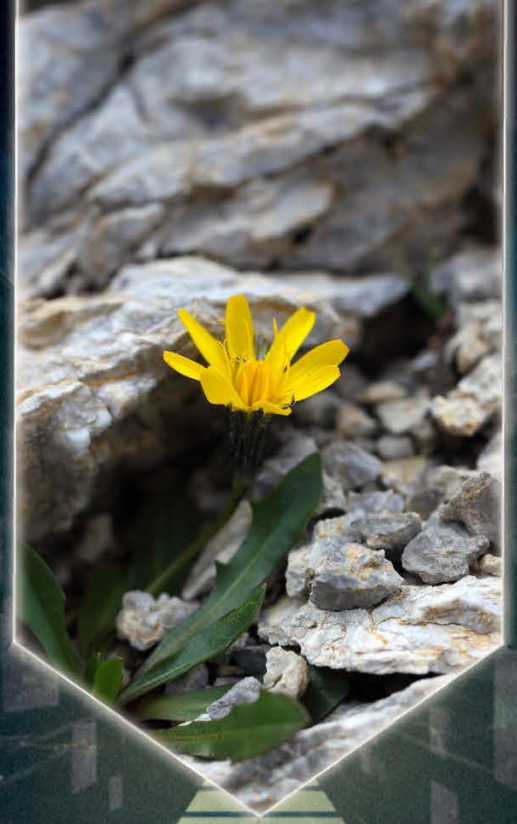
DECLARE TOGETHER

I know God is good.
He is in charge.
He loves me and my loved ones more than
I can ever love myself or my loved ones.



ENDURE SUFFERING

WITH FAITH AND HOPE



Future glory outweighs present sufferings God has planned something better for us

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

ROMANS 8:18-30 NIV



Sufferings are birth pangs, awaiting for our blessed hope

Creation groans

[19]For the **creation waits in eager expectation** for the children of God to be revealed. [20]For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21]that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. [22]We know that the **whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.**

ROMANS 8:18-28 NIV

We groan

[23]Not only so, but **we ourselves**, who have the firstfruit
of the Spirit, **groan inwardly as we wait eagerly** for our
adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.
[24]For in this **hope** we were saved. But hope that is seen is no
hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? [25]But if we
hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

ROMANS 8:18-28 NIV

Spirit groans

[26]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.** [27]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. [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.

ROMANS 8:18-28 NIV

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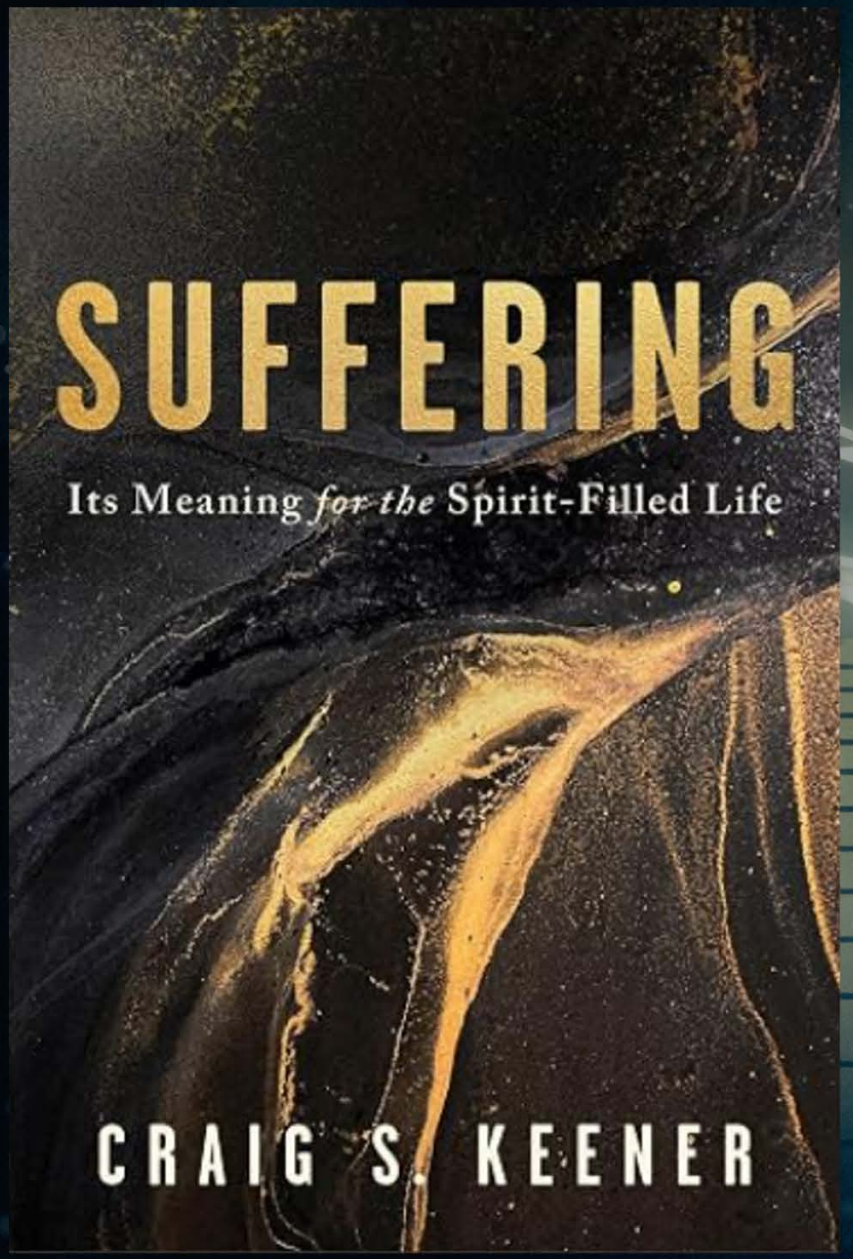
Embrace suffering as part of the Christian life

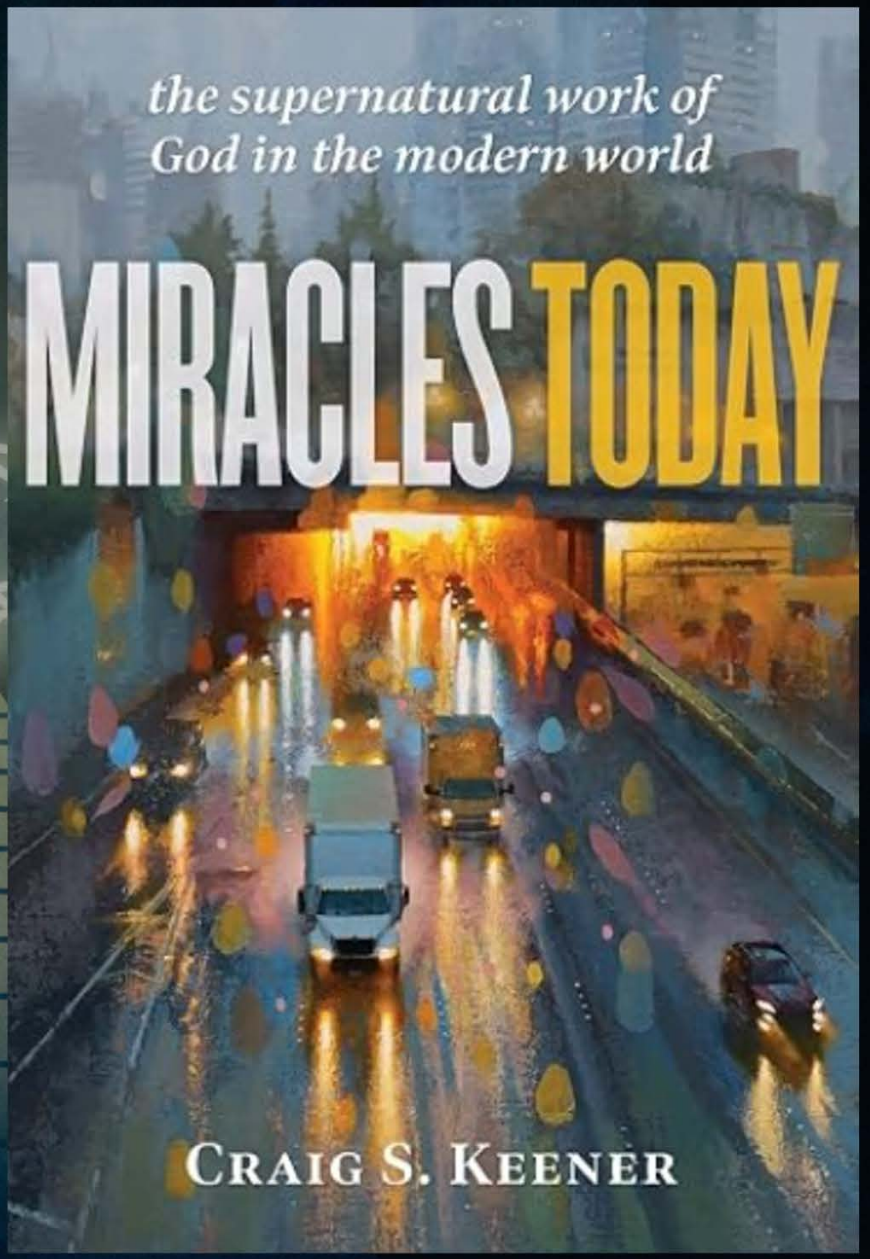
Entrust everything and everyone to Jesus

Endure suffering with faith and hope



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- Provide support for Trinitarians with terminal illnesses or will be going through major operations



DECLARE TOGETHER

[17]If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. [18]But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

DANIEL 3:17-18 NIV