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2. I can rejoice in _____ and suffering.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)

So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 1:6 (NLT)

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad - for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. 1 Peter 4:12-13 (NLT)

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. James 1:2 (NLT)

3. I can rejoice because I'm a _____ of Jesus!

So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. Romans 5:11 (NLT)

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Romans 5:17-18 (NLT)



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WEEK 5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[CONNECT]

What is something recent that you've celebrated or cheered? How does it make you feel during those moments?

[ENGAGE]

What stood out and impacted you from the message this weekend?

[GROW]

Read Romans 5:1-2. What do these verses do in your heart when you read them? Do you ever tend to normalize the greatness of God... take it for granted a bit? How do we continue to live in a state of awe and wonder about Him?

Read Romans 5:3-5. How can we rejoice when, as Paul says, we run into problems and trials? What do trials build in us? How does Paul describe this process?

If you're comfortable, share a struggle or trial right now. What is God showing you or teaching you through it? To you, what is the hardest part of trusting God during a trial?

Read these verses and share how they impact you...

- 1 Thessalonians 1:6
- 1 Peter 4:12-13
- James 1:2

Read Romans 5:11. Do you ever think of Jesus as a friend? How does it change your perspective on your circumstances to know that YOU are a friend of God?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Make a list of how God has shown Himself faithful and good to you. Use that list to praise and rejoice this week.