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**HE NAILED IT!**  
Week 6  
"He Nailed Our Sufferings"

**1. Sufferings:**

- a. Endure pain
- b. Hardship
- c. Early Christians' sufferings
- d. Victorious in sufferings

**2. The Apostle Paul: 2 Cor. 11**

- a. To say Paul suffered after he was converted on his way to Damascus is to put it mildly.
- b. I would venture to say that he experienced much of the sufferings that he inflicted on people prior to his conversion when he was so zealous in his determination to kill Christians.
- c. His suffering began in his first encounter with Jesus.
  - From that encounter he was blinded for several days and someone had to lead him about.
- d. Once he was converted and earnestly began to seek the Lord, he suffered greatly for the cause of Christ and for what he believed.
- e. The other apostles did not readily welcome him. He had to prove himself.

**3. Enduring Pain: Romans 8:18-23**

- a. The word "pain" paints a vivid picture in our minds; we can almost feel the sting of it.
- b. It speaks of suffering and a need to endure.
- c. When we are in pain we are uncomfortable and can experience severe discomfort.
- d. The discomfort that stems from our bodies affects our minds; our emotions and can affect all areas of our life.
- e. Pain has a source, a root and it is the source/root of pain that has deadly consequences for us.
- f. If the source/root of the pain is not dealt with it will infect our whole life: physical, relational, emotional and financial life.
- g. The root/source of Jesus' pain stemmed from mankind's sin of disobedience.

**4. Hardship: 2 Tim. 2:1-5**

- a. Endure adversity with courage.
- b. Life will have difficulties. Stay the course in the midst of the difficulty.
- c. Trouble will come. Face trouble with boldness.
- d. When you face affliction know that Jesus faced and overcame it on your behalf.
- e. The apostle Paul speaks to Timothy to be strong because of the grace of God.
- f. He told Timothy to endure hardness/hardship as a good soldier:
- g. As a good soldier, Timothy had to face the hard trying times with confidence.

**5. Every Christian's Sufferings: 2 Tim. 4**

- Let's talk about what some of the early Christians faced as they chose to serve Christ.
- a. In the passage of scripture Paul writes to Timothy his friend.

- b. Paul was re-arrested and brought back to Rome as a criminal, and not because he was in violation of the Jewish laws.
- c. During this time Nero was persecuting Christians.
- d. He crucified them.
- e. He tried some in animal skins and threw them into the arena to be beaten by dogs to entertain himself and the people.
- f. Others were thrown to wild beasts.
- g. Many of them endured suffering as good soldiers, never complaining.

**6. Victory in Suffering: 2 Tim. 4:6-8**

- a. The apostle Paul leaves us an amazing example of how to be victorious in suffering
- b. Paul told us that in the difficulties he faced his life was poured out like a drink offering
- c. He was empty – he gave it all.
- d. There was nothing left in Paul to pour into the lives of others.
- e. He had suffered but in his suffering he had done all that God had called him to do.
- f. Paul was ready to face death and depart this life.
- g. He was an offering – a sacrifice that was given to draw the Gentiles and others to the Savior.
- h. Paul said, “I have fought a good fight.”
- i. He went to the starting line.

**CONCLUSION:**

- We will all endure some suffering and we must know how to be victorious to the end.
- Paul’s motivation was to hear Jesus say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”
- Our motivation for enduring suffering is to know that it was nailed to the Cross and that Jesus showed us how to endure suffering and maintain humility.
- He nailed your suffering so you don’t have to bear the weight of it alone.
- ▶ God is ever-present in your sufferings.