1. **The Ministry of Hospitality**

Providing for those in need…

**1 Kings 19 –** God’s care for a weary prophet.

1. **The Ministry of Presence**

**Job 2:13** “And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven

nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering

was very great.”

**Conclusion**

**Questions?**

**Further Reading:** *How Long O Lord* by D. A. Carson

***Core Seminars—Suffering for God’s Glory***

**Class 7: Fighting for Faith (Part 2)**

*Helping others fight for faith in the local church*

**Introduction**

**1 Corinthians 12:26**, “If one member suffers, all suffer together”

1. **The Ministry of Encouragement -**

**Hebrews 3:13** “But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NASB)** “admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone”

* 1. Encouragement for those suffering

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* 1. Encouragement from those helping

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1. **The Ministry of God’s Word**

*“*Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ.” – Romans 10:17

“We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves . . . For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” – Romans 15:1, 4

Common Themes:

1. God promises to use suffering for good.

Romans 8:28

1. God’s plans really are good for you.

Luke 12:32

1. God is in control. He is deliberate and careful.

Psalm 56:8

1. This world is passing away.

Revelation 22, 1 Peter 1

“Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, will be counted as cursing.” – Proverbs 27:14

1. **The Ministry of Prayer**

**James 5:14-15** “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him.’”

**2 Corinthians 12:9** “‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

When we pray for others, we should pray God’s word…

 Paul’s prayers as example:

* Eph. 1:18-19, 3:18
* Col. 1:9-11
* 1 Thes. 3:10-13

**1 John 5:14** “…if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”