

A small green plant with a white flower bud is growing out of a crack in dark asphalt. The plant has several green leaves and a single white flower bud at the top. The background is a blurred, dark grey asphalt surface.

# ADVANCING THROUGH SUFFERING

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14, P.818

# 1) SUFFERING ADVANCES THE GOSPEL:

Romans 8:18

2 Corinthians 4:17

2 Timothy 2:8-10

## ROMANS 8:18

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

## 2 CORINTHIANS 4:17

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

## 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-10

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

## 2) SUFFERING IMPACTS THOSE WATCHING:

Titus 2:7-8

1 Peter 2:12

## TITUS 2:7-8

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

# 1 PETER 2:12

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.



# 3) SUFFERING EMBOLDENS OTHERS WHO SERVE

Titus 2:6-8

Ephesians 4:11-13

Hebrews 10:4

## TITUS 2:6-8

Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

# EPHESIANS 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

## HEBREWS 10:24

And let us consider how we  
may spur one another on  
toward love and good deeds