

Sunday, 05-08-22

Freedom for the Future
Bible Background: Romans 8:18-30
Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Aim for Change (Page 407):

1. **UNDERSTAND** the role of the Holy Spirit in our relationships with God and Jesus
 2. **FEEL** empowered by the Holy Spirit even in the midst of suffering, weakness, or loss of direction
 3. **LIVE** with hope as we seek God's purpose and calling
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In Focus (Page 407):

1. Where does tardiness stem from? Are you one who's always late, then upset when you don't hear from God in your timing and not His? **Proverbs 26:13-16; Romans 12:10-13**
 2. How has the Spirit helped you to pray and helped in your struggles? – John 15:5-8; **Romans 8:26-27**; 1 Thessalonians 5:17
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The People, Places, and Times (Page 410):

- **The Suffering of the Righteous**
1. What are some of the various reasons the Bible says believers suffer?
 - a. An ongoing consequence of the Fall – Genesis 3:16-19; **Romans 5:12-14; 8:20-23; Revelation 21:4**
 - b. As a consequence, for their own actions – **Galatians 6:7-8**
 - c. We live in a sinful and corrupt world – **Ezekiel 9:3-7**; Acts 17:16
 - d. The devil has been given power to afflict us in a variety of ways – **1 Peter 5:8-11**
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Background (Pages 410-411):

1. What two kinds of people are there that live in the world?
 - a. Those who live according to the flesh – **Galatians 5:19-21**
 - b. Those who live according to the Spirit – John 15:4-5; 17:5-6; **Galatians 5:22-26**
 2. If we have been glorified with Christ, why must Christians still suffer? – 2 Corinthians 1:3-6; **Philippians 3:10**
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In Depth (Pages 411-412)

1. Freedom for Creature and Creation (**Romans 8:18-25**)
 - a. In what ways have you seen creation itself from the effects of sin? – **Hebrews 5:7-10**
 - b. Has suffering made you stronger in Christ or more distant? – **James 1:2-8; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 5:10-11**
 2. The Spirit's Freeing Intercession (**Romans 8:26-27**)
 - a. What does the Spirit do when our prayers do not align with God's will? – **John 14:16-17**
 - b. Does the Spirit still intercede for us then? – **2 Timothy 1:7**
 3. Free to Hope (**Romans 8:28-30**)
 - a. How has God called you throughout your life? – Hebrews 3:1; **2 Timothy 1:8-9**; 2 Peter 1:3
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Liberating Lesson (Page 412):

- Are you a believer that has gone without suffering? – **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**; John 16:33
- How does this knowledge reflect on your life today?

Note – **Bold/Italicized scriptures are to be read during class if time permits**

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