



## **4 S's of Discipleship Suffering Romans 8:18-26**

### **Recap:**

- **For the last 3 Sundays we have been looking at the 4 S's of Discipleship.**
- **The 4 S's are:**
  - **Salvation**
  - **Service**
  - **Sacrifice**
  - **Suffering**

### **Notes:**

**I. The Present Time is Marked by Sufferings because of Man's Fall into Sin**

### **Notes:**

**II. The Future will be marked by glory for Believers as God fulfills all that He has promised us.**

### **Notes:**

**III. Keep our eyes on the future promised glory and you will persevere in present sufferings with hope.**

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### **Conclusion**

- **If you've ever watched your favorite team play in the Super Bowl, you were anxious as the game progressed, especially if it was close. If your team fumbled or threw an interception, you groaned because you didn't know the outcome. You hoped they would win, but your hope was uncertain. Maybe you even got depressed when they were far behind.**
- **But if your team came from behind and won in the last seconds of the game and later you watched a replay of the game, your whole attitude was different. You didn't despair when they fumbled or fell behind, because you knew how it all would turn out. Knowing the certainty of the future glory gives you hope to persevere through the setbacks.**
- **If we become anxious or depressed in trials and lose hope, it's because we've forgotten the absolutely certain outcome: Future glory forever with Christ! Yes, there is present suffering because we live in a fallen world. But God has promised future glory. Keeping that in view will enable you to persevere any suffering with hope.**
- **And when you feel despair and you feel like you can't pray or say the words remember:**
- **Romans 8:26: Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.**