

Message Handout: Romans 5:1–5

Romans 5:1–5 (NIV)

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." (Romans 5:1–5)

Main Points

- 1. God Uses Suffering to Grow Us:** Romans 5:1–5 reminds us that trials are not wasted; they produce perseverance, shape character, and anchor us in a hope that will never disappoint.
- 2. Healing Requires Willingness and Participation:** Like the man at the pool of Bethesda, we must be willing to be made well and take steps of faith, even when change feels uncomfortable.
- 3. God's People Carry Us Through Storms:** In moments of crisis, such as Kurtis's recent heart attack, God often ministers to us through the prayers and support of His church family.

Reflection Questions for Growth

1. Where in my life am I currently in the "perseverance" stage, and how might God be using it to build my character? _____

2. Is there an area of my life where I've become too comfortable in brokenness and need to hear Jesus ask, "Do you want to be made well?" _____

3. Who in my life might God be calling me to support in prayer or encouragement, just as others have supported me in my own trials? _____
