

## A Summary of Reasons for Suffering

*From A Path Through Suffering – Elisabeth Elliott*

<b>First, we suffer for our own sake:</b>	
That we may learn who God is	Ps 46:1, 10; Dn 4:24-37, Job
That we may learn to trust	2 Cor 1:8-9
That we may learn to obey	Ps 119-67, 71
Discipline is proof of the Father's love & the validity of our sonship	Heb 12:5-11
Is the condition of discipleship	Acts 14:22; Lk 14:26-2, 33
Is required of soldiers	2 Tim 2:4
Are being "pruned" that we may bear fruit	Jn 15:2
That we may be shaped to the image of Christ	Rom 8:29
To qualify us for the kingdom of God	Rom 8:17
That our faith may be strengthened	Jas 1:3; 2 Thes 1:4-5; Acts 14:22
That faith may be tested and refined	Is 43:2; Dn 11:35; Mal 3:2; 1 Cor 3:13; 1 Pt 1:7
That we may reach spiritual maturity	Jas 1:4
Power comes to its full strength in weakness	2 Cor 12:9
To produce in us endurance, character, hope	Rom 5:3-4
To produce in us joy and generosity	2 Cor 8:2
To qualify us to be fellow-heirs with Christ	Rom 8:17
To qualify us to reign with Christ	2 Tm 2:12

<b>Second, we suffer for the sake of God's people:</b>	
That they may obtain salvation	2 Tm 2:10
To give them courage	Phil 1:4
That because of death working in us, life may work in them	2 Cor 4:12; Gal 4:13; 1 Jn 3:16
That grace may extend to more	2 Cor 4:15
That our generosity may bless others	2 Cor 8:2

<b>Third, we suffer for the world's sake:</b>	
That it may be shown what love and obedience mean	Job, Jn 14:31; Mt 27:40-43
That the life of Jesus may be visible in ordinary human flesh	2 Cor 4:10

<b>Fourth, we suffer for Christ's sake:</b>	
That we may be identified with Him in His crucifixion	Gal 2:20
Suffering is the corollary of faith	Ps 44:22; Acts 9:16, 14:22; 2 Tm 3:12, Jn 15:18-21; 1 Thes 1:6, 3:4
That we may share His suffering	1 Pt 4:12-13; Phil 1:29, 2:17, 3:8, 10; Col 1:24; 2 Tm 1:8; Heb 2:9-10
That we may share His glory	Rom 8:17-18; Heb 2:9-10; 2 Cor 4:17