

Welcome to Journey

EVANGELICAL CHURCH



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Today's Service July 14, 2024

Call to Worship..... Elder Victor Wong
Congregational Worship Through Song Terri Wong
Worship Through Scriptural Message Pastor Ewin Grace
Congregational Worship Response..... Terri Wong
Worship Through Benediction Pastor Phil Yoder

Sermon Notes – The Reward of Redemptive Suffering

James 5:7-12 | **What is Redemptive Suffering?**

Redemptive suffering: when you use the pain you're going through to grow and to help others.
"[God] comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give the same comfort God has given us."
2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT)

JAMES HERE IN 5:7-12...

1. PRESCRIBES _____

Christ's imminent return encourages us to bear sufferings patiently (vv.7-8)

2. PROMOTES _____

Nor should we let hard times cause us to grumble or be bitter toward our brethren (v.9)

3. PROVIDES _____

The farmer (v.7), the prophets (v.10), and Job (v.11) are models of this patient endurance

4. PROSCRIBES _____

God wants us to keep our integrity, honesty and accuracy in the midst of our suffering

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Are you suffering right now? If so, how will you get through what you're going through?
2. When do you feel the most impatient?
3. What do you think causes our patience to increase?
4. Have you ever been strengthened by the way another Christian went through suffering bravely and victoriously? What biblical character has inspired to hang on and hang in?
5. Why is it so important to practice integrity, especially when in trials? How is God calling you to grow in integrity?

Connect

Ways to Connect with Journey

Journey Evangelical Church's Facebook Page | <https://www.facebook.com/JourneyEvangelicalChurch/>

Connect through Volunteering

Friday 7/19 and Saturday 7/20 | Volunteers are needed for the Serve Ministry with our food pantry and hot meal preparation for those in need in our community. **Please contact Diane Yee via text or call at (714) 801-3096 for more info.**

To find out other ways to volunteer, the Welcome cart in the foyer have sign-up sheets for all the different areas you can have fun volunteering and connecting at Journey.

Connect through Church Fellowship and Fun

Tuesday 7/16 | 10am-12pm. OFF Mens Bible Study
10:30am-12pm. JEC Sisters Bible Study
2-4pm. Ping Pong

Friday 7/19 | 8am - 12pm: SERVE Ministry food pick-up
12-3pm: SERVE Ministry food prep
7-9pm. Youth Ministry

Saturday 7/20 | 8am - 1pm: SERVE Ministry
9:30am - 10:30am. ESL

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

The submission date for church members who would like to serve on PNC will be extended until the appropriate number of candidates are selected. **Please contact Elder Hiro Kono at hd.kono@verizon.net**

Church Campus

If you are interested in reserving a room/facility on the church campus for ministry or other use, please first check the church website: (Calendar section under the Resources tab.) <https://www.journeyec.org/calendar>

If the room or facility is open for the date and time that you are interested, **please email Amy Mu AND Roger Yee at amy@journeyec.org AND roger@journeyec.org** respectively and someone will follow-up with you.

Walking to School

By Elder Cliff Char

I remember as a kid I hated walking. Because I had to walk to and from school during elementary school. I had a lot of time to contemplate the inefficiency of walking. I felt it was too slow, too tiring and inefficient. God should've made walking a little faster and easier! Believe me, I definitely had some hostility towards life for having to walk in the hot sun (this was in Honolulu).

Fortunately I made it through childhood!

Recently I went home where I grew up and walked all around the routes I took too and from school. It was so pleasant! I remembered most of the homes, the type of grass they had (because we would often sit on the grass and rest), the occasional friendly person that would say hi to us, the shade trees (how they grew!), which homes had dogs behind the fence and the smells from all the

flowers. There were some homes that were completely remodeled, some run down, but most had the same feel to them. The smells from the flowers were like songs we grew up, forgotten, but easily sung with familiarity after so many years. It was such a good feeling to relive those wonderful memories. It was almost like I have never left!

If it wasn't for that "traumatic, horrific" duty of walking to school, I wouldn't have those wonderful memories. John Lue discussed James 1, "*when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy*". Sometimes when we are in the middle of a trial, we many times are so enamored by our anger, that we forget that these trials always have a wonderful, although humbling, result to them. People often say, don't forget to smell the roses, and I add to that, don't forget to smell



the roses even during your trials! JEC is going through a trial, but there are so many great things that we are going through: the sadness of missing our pastor, the uncomfortable feeling of not knowing who our next pastor will be, the added responsibilities of running a church, seeing people leave. These are all seemingly sad times. But I know that God is with us and maybe He wants us to go through this to grow in character (Romans 5:3 *We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.*) We too, after this transition is over, will be able to reflect on the good of what we have gone through like the beauty of my walks to school.

After service, please stay for refreshments and fellowship.