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BIG IDEA | To *REJOICE* is a *CHOICE*!

Romans 5:1-5 (NLT)

¹Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ²Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

³We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

THREE THINGS WE ARE TO REJOICE ABOUT:

1. ***HOPE***
2. ***OUR SUFFERING***
3. ***GOD***

WE CAN REJOICE IN *HOPE* BECAUSE WE HAVE *PEACE* WITH GOD.

ROMANS 5:1-2 (NLT)

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WE CAN REJOICE IN *SUFFERING* BECAUSE IT HAS POSITIVE *PURPOSE*.

Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)

³We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

***SUFFERING*: anything that causes distress**

THREE THINGS THAT *SUFFERING* CAN PRODUCE IN YOUR LIFE:

1. ENDURANCE

Endurance : the ability to stand up under pressure

2 Corinthians 1:8 (NLT)

⁸ We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it.

2. CHARACTER

Character : something that was tested and proven reliable

Hebrews 2:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.

3. HOPE

Hope : confident anticipation

SIX ATTITUDES THAT WILL CAUSE DEFEAT IN YOUR LIFE:

1. *REBELLION*
2. *RESIGNATION*
3. *MURMURING*
4. *WORRY*
5. *SELF-PITY*
6. *FEAR*

WE REJOICE *IN GOD*.

Romans 5:5 (NLT)

⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Romans 5:11 (NLT)

¹¹ So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

SUFFERING IS EVIDENCE OF GOD'S *LOVE, NOT HIS WRATH*.