



**"Suffering for Education & Transformation" 2 Corinthians 4:8-12**  
Sam Burluson, January 28, 2023

Connect with each other in joy and concern

- As time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed.

Discussion Questions

- Name an occasion where you felt vindicated through retribution, in the middle of your suffering but something still wasn't quite right. What emotions were you carrying in that moment? And what changed, if anything, after that moment?
- Jesus compels us to see that we are blessed even when persecuted. How does this make sense at all? Have you seen this active in your own life?
- MLK emphasizes the power of love and its ability to transform individuals and society. How does the idea of enduring hardships, as mentioned in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, contribute to the transformative power of love in the context of nonviolence?
- In 2 Corinthians 4:17, Paul mentions that our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory. How might this perspective influence our approach to nonviolent resistance, particularly in the face of adversity and opposition?
- MLK's nonviolent philosophy emphasizes the idea of seeking reconciliation and redemption rather than retaliation. How does the passage in 2 Corinthians 4:15, which mentions that grace may overflow to more and more people, connect with the principles of forgiveness and reconciliation in nonviolent resistance?
- If you are comfortable naming it, talk about a moment of suffering that was particularly transformative for you. It could be something that you suffered or it might be something that someone else was suffering with. Why was it a transformative moment for you?

Closing Prayer

