



## ***Turn Suffering Around***

Colossians 1:24-29 NIV

***See your suffering with new eyes***

### **1. IT IS AN EXTENSION OF CHRIST'S HARD WORK.**

**Col. 1:24** *Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.*

**1 Pet 2:21** *Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

### **2. IN CHRIST, MY SUFFERING ENDS IN GLORY.**

**Col. 1:25-27** *I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

**Rom 8:18** *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

### **3. I GET TO TAP INTO CHRIST'S STRENGTH.**

**Col. 1:28-29** *He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.*

**2 Cor 12:9** *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

**Colossians 3:2** *Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*