**Selfless: Paul’s Letter to the Romans**

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**Having given a detailed explanation of the problem of sin, and the solution found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Paul now explains the benefits of the Gospel.**

1Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, wehave peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2Through him we have also obtained access by faithinto this grace in which we stand, and werejoicein hope of the glory of God. 3Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

6For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Reflection and Action:**

How does understanding the benefits of the Gospel help us “rejoice in our sufferings?” (5:3)

Let’s rejoice in the benefits we have in Christ even when we don’t feel and experience them.