

## Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, having been made right with God by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

## Romans 5:1-5

<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces patience, <sup>4</sup> and patience produces character, and character produces hope,

## Romans 5:1-5

<sup>5</sup> and 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.

WHEN YOUR HEART  
COMES TRUE ALL  
YOUR DREAMS  
COME TRUE

Romans 5:1-5

# 1

## WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD

Therefore, having been right with God  
by faith, we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

# 2

## WE HAVE ACCESS TO GRACE

Through Jesus Christ we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand.

Romans 5:2

# 3

## WE BOAST IN HOPE

We boast in hope of  
the glory of God.

Romans 5:2b

# 4

## WE BOAST IN AFFLICTIONS

We also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces patience,<sup>4</sup> and patience produces character, and character produces hope.

Romans 5:3-4





affliction  
produces  
patience



patience  
produces  
character

# Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Bless you, prison, for having been in my life! For there, lying upon the rotting prison straw, I came to realize that the object of life is not prosperity as we are made to believe, but the maturity of the human soul.



character  
produces  
hope

## Psalm 105:18-19

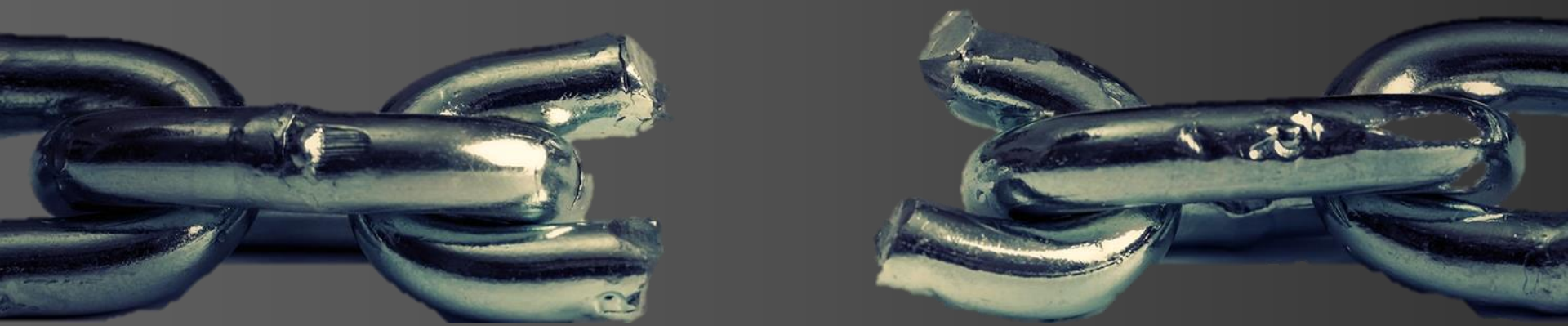
His feet were hurt with fetters;  
his neck was put in a collar of iron;  
<sup>19</sup> until what he had said came to pass,  
the word of the LORD tested him.

# 5

## HOPE DOES NOT SHAME US

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.

Romans 5:5



- Affliction produces impatience
- Impatience produces hardness
- Hardness produces despair

Martin Luther

# RESPONSES TO DIVINE GRACE

1 Have faith in God

2 Be at peace with God

3 Stand firm in grace

4 Rejoice in hope of the glory of God

5 Rejoice in suffering

6 Exercise patience in suffering



# RESPONSES TO DIVINE GRACE

- 7 Submit to every test until the character of Christ is formed in you
- 8 Embrace hope born of character
- 9 Open you heart to the love of God, the ground of all hope.

# Thomas à Kempis

In this mortal life, our peace consists in the humble bearing of suffering and contradictions, not in being free of them, for we cannot live in this world without adversity. Those who can best suffer will enjoy the most peace, for such persons are masters of themselves, lords of the world, with Christ for their friend, and heaven for their reward.