

# GREATER THAN

## PART 3: Salvaging Suffering

### Series theme:

Since Jesus is greater THAN EVERYTHING,

nothing is too great FOR ME

*Now I rejoice in what I am suffering... - Colossians 1:24 (NIV)*

**Myth: Suffering is AVOIDABLE**

*Timothy Leary: "All suffering is caused by being in the wrong place. If you're unhappy where you are, move."*

### We encounter two kinds of suffering:

Suffering that is CIRCUMSTANTIAL

Suffering that we CHOOSE

What you choose to CENTER ON you choose to suffer for

Center on SHARING Christ's passion

*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. - Colossians 1:24 (NIV)*

Center on SERVING Christ's church

*I have become its servant by the commission God gave me...*

Center on SPREADING Christ's word

*...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.*

This is living a JESUS-CENTERED life

*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. - Colossians 1:25-27 (NIV)*

### Big Idea:

Living a Jesus-centered life brings joy in suffering

Use your pain to PROCLAIM

*He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. - Colossians 1:28 (NIV)*

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### My decision today

- I received Christ for the first time
- I recommitted my life to Christ

### Next step

- I would like to be baptized
- I would like to join Starting Point
- I would like to join a LifeGroup
- I would like to talk to a pastor

### Get involved

- I want to help in setup ministry
- I want to help in kid's ministry
- I want to help in tech ministry
- I want to help with break-down

### Prayer Requests / Questions