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Surviving Estrangement:

Help for Alienated Parents and Grandparents

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THE GOAL:

Becoming Spiritual Mothers and Fathers



1 John 2:12-14

I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

So what is a mother and father like?

- They understand and follow Christ's plan.
- They are unflappable



James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Are you really going there?



Romans 5:3-5

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

But look at what it adds!

- Character
- Hope
- No shame



It is natural to fight this, but...

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his **glory.**(Romans 8:15-17)

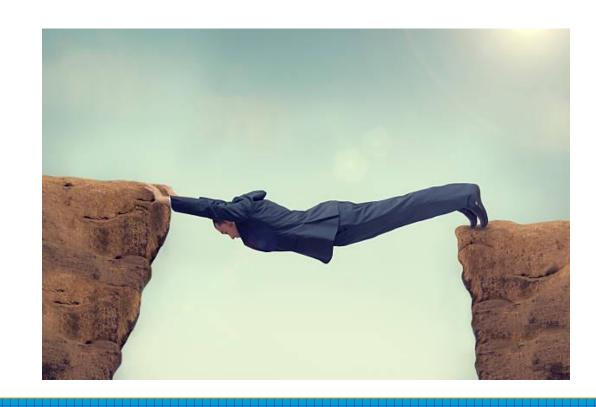
I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, (Philippians 3:10)

"In this world you have tribulation."

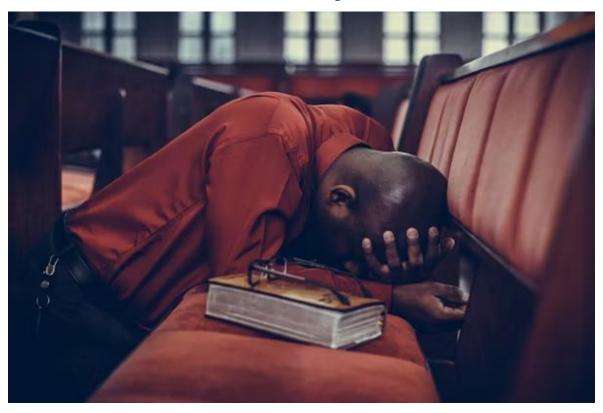
Everyone who lives godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

What kind of suffering will we experience?

- Life
- God may ask us to do something beyond our ability.
- Persecution



Aren't we to pray these things away?



The right attitude

- Hope
- Even Jesus learned through suffering
- Remember Paul
- The Hebrews Attitude

Conclusion

Think of a time you went through a difficult time. Remember a way you grew in Jesus!

If you are going through something now, ask God to teach you what He wants you to learn.