Taking the Journey to *Make Room*Leaning into a Surrendered Life



















- A surrendered disciple notices the value of adversity.
- The grasp of how hardship and difficulty corresponds with fellowship and intimacy.



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Pain is **undesirable** but could have **positive** outcomes.

Increase empathy.

Appreciation for life.

Develop perseverance and resilience.

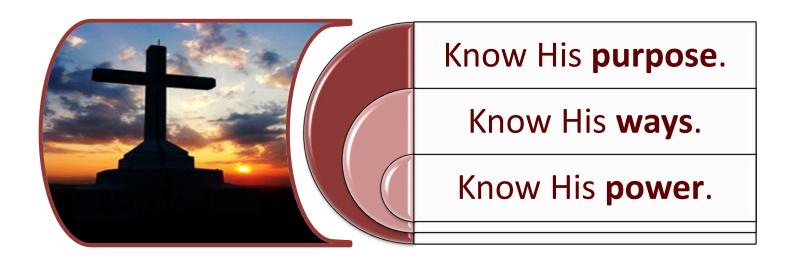
Reevaluate your priorities.

Strengthen your faith.

Deepen relationships.

Clearer perspective.







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Free Will (Job 19:1-3)

Job's so-called friends badgered him with continual accusations that his sickness must have been caused by sin.

Natural Order

(earthquakes, death, etc. Job 1:8-19)

Job's heartache began when a messenger came to him with reports of a horrible destructive tornado that killed his sons and daughters.

Evil Spirit Beings

(Job 1:13-19; 2:7)

God declared to Satan that Job was the most blameless man on earth. Afterward, Satan physically attacked Job's possessions, his family, and his physical body.





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- Comfort doesn't demand character.
- Comfort doesn't demand maturity.
- Comfort makes us complacent and entitled.

It is hard to **desire** and **depend** on Jesus from the **cradle** of **comfort**.

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Suffering can change our perspective.

Suffering can produce good.

Suffering can build our character.

Suffering can reveal or manifest Jesus, who is living in us.

Suffering gives us the opportunity to show care to others who suffer.

Suffering can produce endurance, which is a catalyst to refining our character and renewing our hope.



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Are you reaching for God today as you face your suffering?



Grief

Shame

Domestic Violence

Abandonment

Sickness

Past Trauma



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In preparation for suffering, what are we saying about ourselves or those we love?

You are men of integrity, character, and honesty who will love God with all your heart and soul and strength.

You are a leader. You are not a follower.

You are the head.

You are not the tail.

You are above. You are not beneath.

You are, humble, kind, generous, and strong. You are not made to fit in with the crowd. **You are** different.



Today, you will be a blessing to your teachers, your brothers, and your friends. And you will remember that you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength.

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God cares about our hurts to the extent that He willingly suffered to identify with us and to save us.





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Sisters, grab hold of your Savior more tightly than the pain has grabbed ahold of you!

Job 42:5 NLT







Leaning into a Surrendered Life Class Follow-Up

- **\Delta** Handouts will be uploaded to the website.
 - ❖ A **reminder** will be sent with recording, handout and prayer call information.
- Prayer is at 6 a.m. the Wednesday following the class. (Prayer Schedule on website – sistersinthejourney.com.)
 - *** Zoom Meeting ID**: 832 1551 4424
 - **A Passcode**: 082908
 - ❖ Journey Leaders and Journey Leader Assistants remain on Zoom call after class.
 - Contact your Journey Leader if you have questions / concerns.

Leaning into a Surrendered Life

- Retreat Committee Meeting 5/27/2025 at 6:00 p.m. (Zoom link will be provided.)
- Retreat Registration at Cedar Lake is now open.

 Scan QR Code to register.









Leaning into a Surrendered Life Making Room for Support

- ❖ 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline 24 / 7 Free and Confidential
- ❖ National Sexual Assault Hotline (800) 656-4673 (24 hours)
 - Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline 1 (888) 293-2080
 - Stopbullying.com
- Illinois Helpline for Opioids and other Substances 833 234-6343 or text "Help" to 833234
 - CountyCare at 844 433-8793
 - Association of Certified Biblical Counselors https://biblicalcounseling.com

