

THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS

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Phil. 3:10 Paul wrote -- that I may know Him and the power of
His resurrection -- and the fellowship of
His suffering, being made conformable unto
His death

Isaiah 52:14 tremendous physical pain

Isaiah 53:3 tremendous emotional pain -- He was despised --
rejected of men -- a man of sorrows --
acquainted with grief

4 surely, He has born our griefs and carried our
sorrows

10 it pleased God to bruise Him

Here are some excerpts from Robert Schuller's book "Turning Hurts Into Halos."

On page 121, he wrote: *"Why do bad things happen to good people? is the wrong question. For there is no answer. The right question is, What happens to good people when bad things happen to them? The answer? They always become better people!"*

On pages 71-72, he wrote: "Sooner or later, wisely or foolishly, with or without caring friends, you will be left alone with your hurt. Make friends with it. Let it turn you into a kind, compassionate, caring person, and it will become the best friend instead of the worst enemy in your life.

"If not, your hurt can become a horn.

"Hurts are normal and can be handled--unless they cause you to take your eyes off your good goals. Hurts are part of living. But instinctively they can be turned into horns that embroil the human spirit in anger. . . .

"Once a hurt becomes a horn, it becomes a destructive and negative influence in your life. Whether rational or irrational, it seeks to bring hurts to others, regardless of whether they deserve it. It lashes out at those who would seek to help you. A horn is an ugly outward expression that guarantees the hurt will not heal."

On pages 88-96, he gave the following 5 don'ts and 5 dos.

1. Whatever you do, don't make a swift, irreversibly negative decision when you take a hit.
2. Don't emotionalize the issue.
3. Don't personalize the pain.
4. Don't make matters worse than they are.
5. Don't surrender leadership of your life to negative facts, negative forces, negative fears--or a negative faith.

1. Do check your value system.
2. Do listen to the caring voices you have never heard before.
3. Do see your hurt as a process, not as an event.
4. Do ask the question, What's the worst that can happen?
5. Do think positively about the possibilities that lie ahead.

On page 100, he wrote:

Every adversity is an adventure.	Every load is a road.
Every pain is a pilgrimage.	Every hurt is on the move.
Every trial is a trail.	It's leading you
somewhere.	
Every problem is a path.	Where is it taking you?

On pages 109-120, he gave 4 principles to turn scars into stars.

1. Don't curse your hurt.
2. Don't rehearse or nurse your hurt.
3. Disperse your hurt.
4. Reverse your hurt.

John 5:18	they sought to kill Him -- because in their view He had broken the Sabbath and in their view He made Himself equal with God
John 6:66	many of His disciples went back and left Him
67-71	He asked Peter -- will you also go away?
John 7:1	the Jews sought to kill Him
25	asked -- isn't this the man they seek to kill?
30	they sought to take Him, but no man laid hands on Him -- since His hour was not yet come
32	the Pharisees and chief priests sent officers to take Him
45-52	the officers explained why they didn't take Him
John 8:3-6	questioning Him -- looking to accuse Him
Luke 11:53-54	were laying wait for Him -- seeking to catch something out of His mouth -- that they might accuse Him
John 8:41,48	they called Him names
John 10:31-32	they wanted to stone Him -- He asked why
33	they accused Him of blasphemy
36	He said -- you accuse Me of blasphemy because I said I am the Son of God?
39	they sought again to take Him
John 11:53	after He raised Lazarus, they took counsel together to put Him to death
John 12:27	Jesus said -- My soul is troubled -- why?
23-24	context -- discussing His upcoming death
John 13:21	He was troubled in spirit -- why? -- one of His disciples was going to betray Him
Matt. 26:31-35	He knew they would all leave Him
36-46	He prayed at Gethsemane
Matt. 26:53	He could have requested legions of angels
56	the disciples forsook Him and fled
Matt. 27:46	My God, My God -- why have You forsaken Me?