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**GROWING IN CHRIST:  
SUFFERING SERVANT  
PROPHECIES FROM  
THE BOOK OF ISAIAH  
A 6-PART SERIES**

**PART 5 OF 6**

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The Bible recounts the reality that it is the very will of God to allow believers to suffer:

### Genesis 3:16-19

<sup>16</sup>“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;

with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” <sup>17</sup> To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’

“Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup> It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

*Suffering is part of God's plan to return us to our original state before sin.  
(Intimacy with Creator)*



*Suffering is allowed by God for the full development of our faith. (Job)  
Accepted, unearned suffering is the most redemptive.*

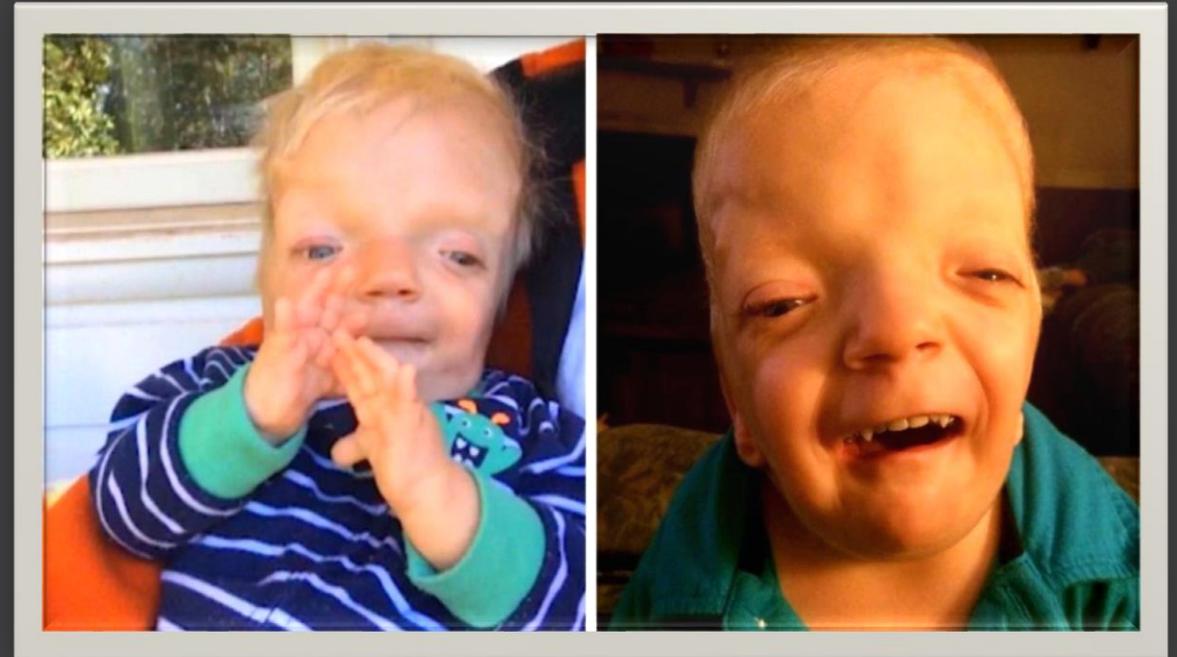
### **1 Peter 2:19-23**

**19** For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. **20** But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. **21** To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. **22** “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” **23** When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.



## How difficult for you to look beyond a person's horrible appearance?

*“Just as there were many who were appalled at him -- his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness” Is. 52:14*





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