

## **JOYFUL IN HOPE**

May 10, 2020 Romans 12:9-13 Key verse 12:12

It's Mother's Day! God wants you to **be an overcomer** not a victim. **Our key verse in Romans 12:12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."** How is that even possible? Joy, patience and faithfulness=fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). Look at Romans 12:11.

### **1. Affliction is inevitable**

- "In this world you will have trouble..." John 16:33
- Greek word for affliction is **thlipsis**. Like being in a vise under pressure.
- The potholes of life.
- Like being battered in a boat in the midst of the storm. What is God saying to you? Will you trust me?
- "Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:14, 12:17-21 No matter what love anyway!

### **2. How to be joyful in hope and patient in affliction?**

- The key is prayer. "Faithful in prayer." Someone has said that the greatest sin is prayerlessness.
- We want instant answers. Are you faithful in prayer? This will help you...
- Yield yourself completely to God. Romans 12:1-2 Am I filled with the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:11)?
- Remember that you are not alone. Romans 12:3-8 I am a member of the Body of Christ, gifted by God and called to love. Connection & care!!!
- Joyful in hope. Am I praising God knowing that God loves me and that God is in control? Romans 8:28 LB "Be glad for all God is planning for you."
- We are never without hope! You can go from hopeless to hopeful!
- "His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me."