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Title: Essentials – Suffering & Serving

Outline:

- 1) Prepare yourself to suffer
 - a) Because Christ suffered
 - b) Because it marks your end with sin
 - c) Because your persecutors will be judged
- 2) Serve in light of the end
 - a) Through alert and sensible prayer
 - b) Through earnest constant love
 - c) Through gracious hospitality
 - d) Through God-given gifts

Questions:

- 1) Are you surprised by the Scripture's statements that you will suffer for following Jesus (1)? How do we arm ourselves to be ready to suffer?
- 2) Have you ever experienced others being surprised by or maligning you because of your commitment to Jesus (3-6)?
- 3) How does God's righteous judgment of all things encourage you when mistreated by others (6)?
- 4) How does love cover sin (8)? How would love set Christians apart from the world around us (John 13:34-35)?
- 5) What would gracious hospitality look like in 2024 (9)?
- 6) How should we view our gifts and abilities (10-11)? Since we are stewards of God's grace, what should we do with the various gifts that we have? How would this build up our church and promote the Gospel in our area?
- 7) Why do you think suffering and serving are both an essential component of a growing relationship with God?
- 8) How are you using your gifts and strengths to serve God and others?