



**Suffering & God's Response**  
**Pt. 6: God Chooses to Suffer**  
**By Louie Marsh, 4-13-2025**

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- He gives our suffering \_\_\_\_\_.

*"<sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:3–5, ESV)*

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