

Series: Just Jesus
Passage: Colossians 1:24-29
Speaker: Pastor Darian

THE LIFE CHALLENGE

CONNECT

Pastor Darian mentioned that he loved containers as a kid (interesting). What is something random that you loved as a kid? **OR**

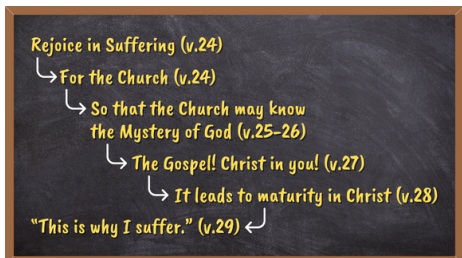
Share of someone in your life (a leader, a pastor, or a mentor) who has impacted you in your walk with Jesus. What were they like? How did they impact you?



IDENTITY

Paul shares that he "rejoices in suffering," which is such an upside-down way of approaching suffering. This can be somewhat of an uncomfortable idea, as suffering is so difficult. What is your immediate, gut response to the idea of "rejoicing in suffering"?

Struggles can be physical, mental, emotional, spiritual... What sort of struggles or difficulties have you gone through that have drawn you closer to Jesus? **OR**, what sort of struggles have others gone through that have drawn you closer to Jesus?



What do you think are the differences between being a "bare-bones Christian" and being a mature "Disciple of Jesus"?

THE EXAMEN

What is a struggle or a difficulty you are going through right now? If you are willing, share with the group.

How would different parts of your life be different if Jesus truly was the center of your life in all areas?

PRACTICE

What are some practical ways that you can become more mature in Christ? Individually? As a family? As a Life Group? As a local church?

What's a practice we can do to help us grow closer to maturity in Christ?

Listen to, meditate, and reflect on the worship song "Build My Life" by Pat Barrett, focusing especially on the lyrics of the bridge. "I will build my life upon your love. It is a firm foundation."

PRAY TOGETHER

King Jesus has invited you into the family of God! This is good news! Take a few minutes to listen to Jesus. Is there a word or phrase that he is placing on your heart?

Pray for one another as you continue to grow in maturity closer to Jesus. Pray for strength and courage as we continue to build our entire lives on Jesus alone.