



## Community Group Discussion Guide

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Strength to Persevere

Week 3

Romans 8:15-28

Read Romans 8:1-28 before answering the following questions.

### Introduction

Read the book of Romans and you'll see that Paul spends the first six chapters explaining our need of God's grace and how this need is met through Christ. It's in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter that he begins unpacking the difference this makes in our daily lives. And it's not until we get to this 8<sup>th</sup> chapter that the Holy Spirit is mentioned. What we discover is the key part he plays in how we live the new life that's ours in Christ.

### Questions for Study

1. Have you had a time in your life when you've experienced intense suffering? If yes, write down what this was for you. If you haven't, but you've seen a good friend go through such a time, write down what this was for them.
2. In your own experience or in theirs, what would you say was most helpful in giving strength to persevere?
3. How does the truth that God is our Father (Romans 8:15-16) provide strength to persevere?
4. How does the truth that Christ suffered for you provide strength to persevere?
5. Where does Paul say that suffering should be assumed? What kind of suffering is he talking about? Can you find another scripture that says the same thing?
6. How does the truth that we'll someday be glorified eternally give you strength to persevere?
7. What do verses 28 and 29 tell us about the purpose that can be found in suffering?
8. What do we learn about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in these verses that show his role in strengthening us to persevere in the midst of suffering?