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Philippians 3 (ESV)

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. 2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh - 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

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5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

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For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith - 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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Main Idea

Caregiving opens doors to spiritual growth by drawing us into deeper fellowship with Jesus.

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**Faith only grows
through suffering.**

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Faith Grows Through Suffering

- Trials are not wasted; they produce endurance that matures faith.

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2–4 ESV)

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Faith Grows Through Suffering

- Tested faith is more precious than gold, showing that suffering refines and proves genuine trust in God.

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:6–7 ESV)

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Faith Grows Through Suffering

- The Lord draws near to the despairing, assuring caregivers that God's presence is most real in affliction.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18 ESV)

- Sharing in Jesus' sufferings unites caregivers with Him, transforming pain into fellowship with the Savior.

10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, (Philippians 3:10 ESV)

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Faith Grows Through Suffering

- God's grace is sufficient, reminding caregivers that weakness becomes the stage for Christ's power.

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV)

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Faith Grows Through Suffering

- Suffering is not a detour but a pathway to deeper faith.
- For caregivers, trials refine trust, reveal God's nearness & transform weakness into strength through His grace.

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The Character of God

- Just as a father shows compassion to his children, caregiving reflects God's tender heart.

***13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
(Psalm 103:13 ESV)***

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The Character of God

- God's mercies are new every morning, teaching caregivers that His faithfulness sustains daily service.

***22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
(Lamentations 3:22–23 ESV)***

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The Character of God

- God saves by mercy, not works, reminding caregivers that our ministry flows from His kindness.

***5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
(Titus 3:5 ESV)***

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The Character of God

- God's patience toward us models the long-suffering love caregivers extend to others.

***9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
(2 Peter 3:9 ESV)***

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The Character of God

- God is love, and caregiving becomes a living testimony of His nature expressed through human hands.

8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:8 ESV)

- In caregiving, God's character is revealed - His compassion, mercy, patience & love.
- Caregivers embody His attributes, becoming living witnesses of His faithfulness.

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Serving God by Serving Others

- Serving one another in love transforms caregiving into obedience to Jesus' command.

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (Galatians 5:13 ESV)

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Serving God by Serving Others

- Counting others more significant than ourselves reflects Jesus' humility & shapes caregivers into His likeness.

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3 ESV)

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Serving God by Serving Others

- God will not forget the labor of love, assuring caregivers that their service has eternal value.

10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. (Hebrews 6:10 ESV)

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Serving God by Serving Others

- Transformation comes through renewing the mind, showing that caregiving reshapes us into Christlike patterns.

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2 ESV)

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Serving God by Serving Others

- Growth in grace is lifelong, reminding caregivers that service is a continual journey of spiritual maturity.

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2 Peter 3:18 ESV)

- Service is the soil where spiritual growth flourishes.
- Caregiving is not only an act of love but a means of transformation, shaping us into Jesus' image & deepening our walk with Him.

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Discussion Questions

- How have the daily challenges of caregiving tested & strengthened your faith in God's promises?
- In what ways have you experienced or reflected God's compassion, patience, or mercy while caring for your loved one?
- How has serving your loved one helped you grow spiritually, even when the tasks feel exhausting or unnoticed?
- How does the hope of resurrection & eternal life encourage you to persevere in caregiving?

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