Persecuted Church

On Sunday we centered the Message on Hebrews 13:3.

- What are some things you learned about this passage?
- What does it mean to Remember according to this passage?
- How does Paul want us to remember believers according to the second half of this verse?
- Why is it healthy for the Persecuted church to be remembered?
- Are there any other thoughts you would add as you have thought and reflected upon this verse?

2nd Corinthians 1:3-11 gives us a great theology on persecution.

- How does Paul view the persecution of Believers in verse 3-4
    - Have you seen verse 3-4 work itself out in your life? How?
- On Sunday we discussed a few ways the persecuted church is a blessing to other Christians. Thank God the suffering we endure for Jesus is never wasted. What does Paul say about in verse 5-6?
    - How has Paul's suffering and/or the suffering of Christians bless the body of Christ?
    - Why is suffering of believers for the sake of Christ never wasted?
- In Vs. 8-9 what does Paul reveal about Christians who are persecuted? Are they super Christians?
    - Based on Sunday, what is hanging by a thread theology?
    - What does Paul say about hanging by a thread theology in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10?

Conclusion: Just because you may not have faced persecution, does not mean you have not faced difficulty in your faith. Have you lived through Hanging by a thread theology? What did you learn?

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Further Personal Study

On Persecution and Suffering

- James 1:1-12
- 1 Peter 4:1-19
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- Romans 12:9-21
- 2 Timothy 2:1-13
- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- 2 Timothy 4:1-8
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