

Greetings,

Connection Groups serve to connect people with others through sharing the love of God. We believe that people grow best when they are connected through meaningful transformational relationships. MLFC Connection Groups offer an opportunity to grow in your walk with the Lord as you grow in your relationship with other Bible believing Christians. A Connection Group is where you are known and grown. Life is better connected. Stay connected. **(Romans 8:29 and Hebrews 10:24-25).**

This week Pastor Walker preached a sermon titled 'Suffer for His Sake'. This is part three of the series on the book of Philippians. In the first part of the series we saw how Paul exhibited extraordinary human attributes by bearing much fruit in an adverse environment. The second part of the series gave us insight on Paul's attitude towards death. He knew that death would relieve him of all the pain and suffering of this Earth and that he would transition to a far better place called Heaven. Nevertheless, Paul decided to remain alive and suffer more for the sake of the Gospel. Part three of this series elaborates more on this suffering.

Miracle Life Family Church provides many platforms to help mature its members; one of these is the Alpha Course. This is a 10 week course that helps people explore the meaning of life and the fundamental teachings of Christian faith in a friendly, fun filled, open and informal environment. The next Alpha course begins on Wednesday 26 September at 18:00 hours. The cost of the course is K25. Sign up, show up and change the world!

For more information call the Church office on 260 211 840746 or email:  
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God bless you!

*Pastor Kondwani*

## **PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PRAY OVER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS**

Pray for all MLFC supported Missionaries:

- That the Lord would open doors of ministry opportunity for them. **1 Corinthians 16:9, Colossians 4:3**
- That the Lord would give them the grace to withstand the many adversaries they will face and the strength to endure and overcome. **Philippians 4:13**
- That God would give them utterance to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 6:18-19, Colossians 4:4**

## THIS WEEK'S STUDY: SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE

### A Getting to Know Each Other

Would you prefer a job that allows you to dress formally or informally?

### B Digging Deeper and Application

1. In **Philippians 1:27** Paul urges the Philippians to:
  - i) Stand fast in one spirit
  - ii) Have one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel.Explain what you understand from these two phrases.
2. The first part of verse 27 reads “let your conduct be worthy of the Gospel of Christ....” How can we apply this to our day to day lives?
3. As we conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel, we may encounter opposition. What does Paul advise when we face such opposition or adversity? **Philippians 1:28**
4. From your own understanding, where do you think suffering comes from?
5. Have you ever suffered physically or had to give up something because of your Christian faith? Share with the group.
6. Why do you think people blame God for their own mistakes? **Proverbs 19:3, 15 NLT**
7. In **1 Peter 2:23-24** we read about Jesus suffering on our behalf. How can we differentiate between the sufferings we should bear ourselves and the suffering Jesus already paid for?

### C Take Home

At whatever cost, let us always conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. We are living epistles and people all around us are reading our every move. If you suffer for living godly, endure it patiently because God is pleased!