

At The Movies: Father Stu | Bill Bailey — 8/23/26

We may enjoy God in our blessings, but we get to know God in our sufferings.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18 NIV

Jesus didn't suffer so we wouldn't have to. He suffered so we would know how to.

... stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

1 Peter 5:10 NIV

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 NIV

Additional Scriptures: James 1:12, Romans 5:3-5, Hebrews 10:36, Philippians 1:29, Matthew 27:46, Romans 8:18

Go deeper on this topic this week with Waypoint's Daily Devotional Podcast:



Talk It Over: “ATM: Father Stu”

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

1. Persevering Through Trials

- Share a time when you faced a significant trial in your life. How did you persevere, and what helped you get through it?

2. Read James 1:12 and Hebrews 10:36.

- What do these verses teach us about the importance of perseverance in our faith journey?

3. Gratitude in Suffering

- Reflect on the statement: "You may have a gut full of reasons to be angry, but you only need one to be grateful." How can you find gratitude even in difficult circumstances?

4. Purpose in Pain

- How has God used a challenging situation in your life to bring about something good? What did you learn about God and yourself through that experience?

5. Pray for One Another

- Pray for strength and perseverance for those in your group who are currently facing trials or suffering.

Do: Reflect on how you can find gratitude in your current circumstances this week.

August Memory Verse: *“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” James 5:16*