

In Our House - Fun

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We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors. We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed. Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.

2 Corinthians 6:8-10 NLT

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! **Philippians 4:4 NLT**

We live with the tension of _____ and _____

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.” Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.” And to the man he said, “Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.” **Genesis 3:14-19 NLT**

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 NLT

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. We were given this hope when we were saved.

Romans 8:18-24 NLT

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A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.
Proverbs 17:22 NLT

Then Jesus wept. John 11:35 NLT

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' Luke 7:34 NIV

PRACTICES THAT HELP US NAVIGATE
THE TENSION:

**Gather around a _____
(preferably to _____)**

_____ **things (preferably with others)**

_____ **(preferably together)**

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *What do you like to do for fun?*
- *What's it mean to live in the "already, but not yet?"*
- *Read Romans 8:18-24. What stands out to you?*
- *Re-read the same passage. How about this time, what stood out?*
- *Which of the practices that Pastor Neely mentioned do you need to lean into?*
- *Share some prayer!*