

# COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

SOLITUDE – The Truth Behind Trials – 6/16/2024

## COMMUNION

- At some point during your gathering, take communion together.
- spend a moment in silence to experience the presence of Christ

## REVIEW

Behind every trial is a purpose. God is doing something so precious and valuable within you.. that it can only be acquired through trials.

**When we face trials and hardships they have a purpose** - To produce a greater Fear of God than any earthly fear...even death. Read the following scriptures as a group...

### **James 1:2-4**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

### **Romans 5:3-5**

We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**1 Peter 1:7** In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

You and I are also meant to discover the sustaining great power of God's grace for all those who put their trust in Him...especially when we are weak and powerless to change our circumstances...especially when we face trials of all kinds.

This is why it is so important to cultivate a Fear of God (a deep and profound knowing of how awesome and faithful our God is) through these practices of Prayer and Solitude... so that, when the trials come...we can stand in faith because we know who our God is!

## **DISCUSSION**

1. Read the following scriptures as a group... and discuss what these scriptures tell us about how we can rely on God's faithfulness to us?

**Read: Colossians 1:9, Revelation 12:10-12, Isaiah 43:1-5**

2. What stood out to you from this week's teachings?

3. Are you facing any trials right now?

4. Who are your "Three" people who will go through the fiery trials with you? If you don't have three... what steps can you take to gain three friends like this?

5. Pray for Each Other

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Book: *The Awe of God* by John Bevere

**QUESTIONS?** [Submit a question here](#) or email Kevin@rolcf.net