

From Faith to Love #5

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Romans 5:1-4; James 1:2-4



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 - We must commit to **read** and **study** the Bible
 - We also should objectively learn about God and ourselves **through others** (reading)
 - Col. 2:3; Phil. 3:7-14; Prov. 9:10



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- The question is...*where are you going If you are not following Jesus? what possibly is a better path?*

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(Matt. 13:5-6, 20-21) Interestingly suffering is illustrated by sunshine! We all suffer no matter who we are. It is the **ROOT** that makes all the difference—***the faith that's rooted in the knowledge of God will allow us to endure in trials through self-control.***





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