



“Struggles”  
What Would Jesus Undo? Series  
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*“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” John 16:33*

*“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.”  
Romans 8:22*

Why is life so hard in this world?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ still affects our world to this day
- 2) This is \_\_\_\_\_ our final home

*John 1:12*

*2 Corinthians 5:20*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

*2 Corinthians 4:17*

*2 Corinthians 11:23-29*

Read Hebrews 11 sometime

*Hebrews 12:3*

*Hebrews 4:15*

*John 14:16*

*James 4:14*

*Matthew 25:21*

*David's Prayer: "Search me, God, and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there's any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24*

You're a carrier of \_\_\_\_\_!

Fear is contagious, but so is \_\_\_\_\_!

## Message Discussion Questions

**Accountability:** Were you on the online stream this last Sunday to grow & learn? Did you read/listen to the Bible & pray this week on a regular basis? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

**Ice Breaker:** What was a struggle you dealt with growing up?

**Review:** What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

### **Group Discussion:**

Read John 16:33. What are some of the troubles our world has? How has Jesus overcome the world?

Read Romans 8:22. What are some examples you have noticed where creation has been groaning because of sin?

For Followers of Jesus, this world is not our final home. Until we go to our final home (Heaven), scripture says we are ambassadors of Christ. What does an ambassador do?

Read Hebrews chapter 11. What are some of the struggles heroes of the faith dealt with in Hebrews 11? Does this give you comfort to know that when you have struggles, you are in good company? Why or why not?

Hebrews 4:15 tells us Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses because he was tempted just as we are, yet he did not sin. How does that make you feel? Why?

You are a carrier of hope! Do you believe that? Why or why not? As a carrier of hope, how can we bring hope to people in this pandemic? How can we bring hope to people after the pandemic?

In the weekend message, we said, "Fear is contagious, but so is faith!" Is your faith contagious? Why or why not? If not, what can help your faith grow for yourself & to be contagious for others?

Who is someone I can pray for this week? Who is somebody I can help/serve during this pandemic?

### **Next Steps:** (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- Pray David's prayer each day this week: *"Search me. God, and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there's any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting."*
- Read Hebrews chapter 11 to see what heroes of the faith struggled with to help build up your faith.