

“The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

2 Timothy 2:2 (NASB)

What will you leave your children and grandchildren?

Will it make them or break them?

1. The key to victory prior to the race = _____.
2. The key to victory in the race = _____.
3. Five Core Values we must pass on to the next generation.
4. Radical, sustained change always begins with our
_____ not our _____.

Transferable Concept: Teach them to _____ well.

A Theology of Suffering:

- Life is hard, but God is _____!
- Life is unjust, but God is _____!
- Old Testament Roots – Genesis 37-50
- Biblical Profiles – Joseph, Jesus
- New Testament command – I Peter 2:21-23 (NIV)

²¹*To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

²²*He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

²³*When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.*

Application: I _____, commit to grow
through my present suffering.

How to Grow Through Suffering:

1. Teach them to face it; to identify what they are _____ about.
2. _____ honestly about it.
3. Help them to share _____ they are suffering with someone they trust.
4. Help them align specific _____ with their specific situation.

Life Message: _____ is Normal!

Discussion Questions

1. What was your first reaction to the statement – "Teach them to suffer well?" Explain your answer.
2. Which of the following unhealthy responses to suffering are you or your children most prone to follow:
 - blame others
 - go into denial
 - anger/bitterness
 - develop a victim mentality
 - give up
3. What is the most difficult internal or external issue you are facing in your life right now? Which of the application steps would most help you grow through your suffering? How will you model applying this step for your children? Grand children?