

Family Talk – *God's Letter to the Suffering*

READ TOGETHER

Revelation 2:8–11

1. Have you ever been through a difficult time?
2. How can you trust God during challenging times?

LIVE IT

We don't enjoy talking about suffering. No one likes to go through hard times, especially when they're exceptionally painful. The church in Smyrna was suffering because they followed Jesus. People were thrown in jail because they trusted Jesus. We may not experience jail for believing in Jesus, but all of us go through hard times. When we're suffering, it can make us wonder where God is and if He cares about what we're going through.

God wanted the church in Smyrna to know that He saw their suffering. He knew what was happening and what was going to happen, but He wanted them to trust Him. He wants us to do the same. When bad things happen, God isn't surprised. He's there with us in the middle of it. In this letter, God is telling the church to persevere and trust Him. He wants us to do the same!

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

Help us trust You during difficult times. Help us run to You with all of our worries and doubts, so You can remind us how powerful, good and loving You are.

Amen.

