

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

(1 Corinthians 12:26-27; 2 Corinthians 12:9)

INTRODUCTION: *“Early to bed, early to rise...”*

I. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CAN INCLUDE SUFFERING

- A. “Faith Theology” is wrong
- B. Faith is not a magic cure for difficulty
- C. There was a controversy in Corinth about suffering
- D. Note – 1 Corinthians 12:26-27 & 2 Corinthians 12:9

II. CHRISTIANITY DOESN'T OFFER A PAINKILLER, IT OFFERS VICTORY

- A. Christianity is not some cheap escape from reality
- B. Jesus brings victory, not escape
- C. We ought to stop “playing games” in our church
- D. St. Paul stopped playing games & won a victory
(2 Corinthians 12:9)
- E. The true blessing of faith: **God's grace**
 - 1. God's stooping down to us (Hosea 11:1-4)
 - 2. God's devotion to us (Isaiah 49:15-16)
 - 3. The person of Jesus (John 1:14)

CONCLUSION:

The sermon from the special needs hand bell choir