Outline #5 ENDURING EXTREME SUFFERING

1. **Job's extreme suffering**
   a) What extreme suffering did Job endure? Job 1:13-19
   b) Did the LORD bring this extreme suffering upon Job or was it someone else? Job 1:6-12
   c) What additional suffering was Job asked to endure? Job 2:1-9
   d) How did Job respond to these times of extreme suffering? Job 1:20-22, 2:10b
   e) Why did the LORD permit such extreme suffering for his blameless servant Job?
   f) What important lesson can we learn from Job's experience for our lives today?

2. **Abraham's extreme suffering**
   a) Abram, later renamed Abraham, faced many trials in his life. What would you consider his time of greatest suffering? Genesis 22:1-2
   b) Genesis 22:3-8 What is your reaction to Abraham’s response to the command of the LORD?
   c) Genesis 22:9-10 How would you describe Abraham’s emotional and mental condition during his journey to Mount Moriah?
   d) How did the LORD show His unfailing love to Abraham during this extreme test? Genesis 22:11-14
   e) What was God's purpose in asking Abraham to endure such extreme suffering?

3. **Hosea's extreme suffering**
   a) What extreme suffering was the prophet Hosea asked to endure? Hosea 1:2-3
   b) What great trials did Hosea face during his marriage to Gomer?
   c) Why would the LORD ask His prophet to endure such extreme suffering?
   d) How did the conduct of Hosea reflect the immeasurable, unfailing love of God? Hosea 3:1-3

4. **Paul's extreme suffering**
   a) What testimony did Paul give to Christians in Corinth regarding his times of extreme suffering? 2 Corinthians 1:8
   b) What experiences come to mind from Paul's missionary journeys that were times of extreme suffering? Acts 14:19, 16:22-24, etc.
   c) How does Paul explain God's purpose in allowing him to pass through such times of extreme suffering? 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 9-10, 12:7-10

5. **Your experience with extreme suffering**
   a) Share your own time of extreme suffering and what God accomplished for you through that experience.
   b) Reflect on the promise of the LORD in Isaiah 43:1-7.