

## **I. Synopsis**

It is not about your earthly accomplishments but rather the journey and the character that is produced from the journey. We are guaranteed to face suffering, the suffering produces character. As we face all that life brings we can be assured that we being shaped and formed into the person God created us to be.

## **II. Ice Breaker Question**

How does our culture define success?

## **III. Scripture: Romans 5 (ESV)**

## **IV. Discussion Questions**

1. What do you think of the Barna Research Group's statement, "The millennial generation is the generation entering the hardest situation since World War II."
2. What does Romans 5:8 tell us about who God is and who we are?
3. Why do you think God is more interested in who we are instead of what we do?
4. How has God used the struggles in your life to mold and shape your character?

## **Digging Deeper –**

Read about Joseph's life (Genesis 37, 39-50). What are some of the challenges that Joseph faced? How does God redeem these challenges? How is Joseph's character changed due to the challenges?