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## **Do not resist the stretch marks. God wants the baby.**

The mind must manage the material. First see and understand the stretch marks in birth. Christian suffering did not start with Jesus. Birth pains started with Eve and the first baby born. Her firstborn was Cain. Cain caused the first stretch marks. Then Abel, whom Cain killed, was born, causing more stretch marks. He was followed by Seth causing more stretch marks. In Luke 3:38 the seed of Seth, Eve's third born, was chosen by God to be used in the lineage of Christ.

We are the reason for God suffering. Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

God chose to birth the Church through this kind of pain. Mary agreed to bare the stretch marks for Jesus to be born. Then it pleased the LORD to have a man feel the pain of child birth. The Man Jesus did no wrong. Yet it **pleased the LORD** to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an **offering for sin**, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, **and the pleasure of the LORD** shall prosper in his hand. Isaiah 53:10.

Jesus suffered that we might be born again. We must be born again. John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus bore the stretch marks for us to be born again. The mark of the spear is in His side. The nail prints are in His hands. The crown of thorn points are on His head.

As in some cases with a woman, the stretch marks are too much and the woman dies in childbirth. This happened to Jacob's wife Rachel. Gen 35:17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.

The lesson is: We must bear the pain to give birth to God's Word. God wants to bring life out of us into another person. Sometimes this is painful. Especially if the person is deep in sin. We give meaning to their life by the things we suffer. Out of us comes life. We make the hungry feel fed. We make the ugly feel pretty. We make the hurting feel healed.

A lot of depressed feelings are only in our mind. One man's depressed feelings are **another mans floor**. For instance, when a person is feeling bad about their finances, a man in Haiti would feel rich. Their living conditions would be considered wonderful to a man in India. God want me to be content in whatsoever state I am in. Suffer it to be so.

The main point in this lesson is this: **God wants the baby**. Suffer the birth pains and the stretch marks. You are standing on a firm floor of suffering. Other people's suffering brought you here. Be faithful unto death and God will give you a crown of life. It is the babes in Christ that populate His Kingdom. God counts children. Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

There are many times in life, having done all, I suffered through. These things have built a floor under me. Been there, done that have become words easy for me to say. Does that mean I have no more battles? NO! I just know how to talk to myself. I have talked many fearful feelings out of my system by quoting a scripture ~ like ~ casting all your care on Him for He cares for you. WOW! What a release. When I believe He cares for me my depressed feeling is turned into joy.