



# THE MESSENGER

## CELEBRATE WITH US!

Magnolia Bible Church is overjoyed to have witnessed such incredible growth at the church last month! Eleven new members joining and ten precious babies being dedicated to fostering their relationship with Christ are truly blessings to celebrate. These victories are a testament to the thriving and loving community at Magnolia Bible Church.

This month, join us as we continue our Revelation Series and participate in special events such as baptisms and the Manly Breakfast. Stay updated on all our events and announcements by visiting our website where you can also find sermon notes and life group discussion questions.

Let's continue to come together to support each other and share the love of Christ with all those around us!



## LIFE GROUPS

### FEBRUARY

- 05 Revelation Sermon Series Communion
- 08 DiMego Celebration @ 6:30 pm
- 12 Revelation Sermon Series Baptism
- 19 Revelation Sermon Series Life Group Host Meeting
- 25 Manly Breakfast @ 8:00 am
- 26 Revelation Sermon Series Starting Point

If you're looking to deepen your relationship with Jesus, consider joining a Life Group. In a Life Group, you'll be part of a supportive community of like-minded individuals who are committed to spiritual growth and building healthy relationships. The group meets regularly to explore and apply biblical truths, and encourages one another to live out their faith.

If you're interested in finding or starting a Life Group at Magnolia Bible Church, please contact Tyler Roberts, Discipleship Pastor, at [troberts@magnolia.church](mailto:troberts@magnolia.church) for more information. We're here to support you on your journey!

Please stay updated on the latest events and announcements by visiting our website at [magnolia.church/announcements](http://magnolia.church/announcements). Remember, you are loved!

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Tyler Roberts

"The God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you, after you have suffered a little while." - 1 Peter 5:10

This verse brings hope to those facing challenges and difficulties. It tells us that our struggles are temporary and that God, the source of all grace, will bring us to a place of restoration, confirmation, strength, and stability in our faith. As believers, we must keep in mind that our ultimate reward is not in this world, but in heaven with Christ. Our challenges refine and build our faith. Put your trust in God's plan, knowing that he is using everything for our good. Rely on the promise that God will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. Hold fast to your faith and trust in God's timing, for he is always faithful. Here are three practical steps to apply:



1. Trust God's plan: Acknowledge that God is in control and has a plan for your life. Have faith that he is working everything for good, even when it's hard to understand.
2. Focus on eternity: Keep your sights set on heaven and the eternal reward waiting for you. This outlook will help you endure hardships and keep them in proper perspective.
3. Seek support from other believers: Surround yourself with a community of faithful individuals who can uplift and pray for you during trying times. Their support can make all the difference in your perseverance and growth in faith.

One historical figure who embodies the spirit of 1 Peter 5:10 is Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a German pastor and theologian who lived during World War II. He actively opposed the Nazi regime and was eventually arrested and imprisoned. Despite the hardships and suffering he faced, Bonhoeffer remained steadfast in his faith and trust in God's plan. He wrote extensively about the importance of suffering and how it can strengthen and refine our faith. In one of his letters from prison, he wrote, "God will not abandon us; he will hold us fast. This faith gives us courage to pray, even in prison and death."

Bonhoeffer's life serves as a testimony to the truth of 1 Peter 5:10. Despite the trials he faced, he remained confident in God's restoration, confirmation, strengthening, and establishment in his life. Through his witness and writings, he continues to inspire believers today to trust in God's plan and focus on eternity, even in the midst of suffering.

AND AFTER YOU HAVE SUFFERED A LITTLE WHILE, THE GOD OF ALL GRACE, WHO HAS CALLED YOU TO HIS ETERNAL GLORY IN CHRIST, WILL HIMSELF

A landscape photograph showing a long, straight road stretching into the distance under a blue sky with a rainbow. The foreground is filled with dry, yellowish-brown grass and shrubs. The text "restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font on the right side of the image.

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