

That They May Have *Life* ...

... in Times of Trial

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Christian Suffering & Persecution

An estimated **338 million** Christians worldwide face high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith.

According to a Barna survey, **58%** of Christians in a discipleship community say they're "very comfortable" helping people through periods of suffering as a friend.

Sub-Saharan Africa is the most dangerous place for Christians, with 15 countries measuring extreme persecution levels.

4,849 Christians worldwide were killed for faith-related reasons in 2026.

According to a Pew Research study, **46%** of U.S. adults say that suffering in the world is not a punishment from God.

Gender Dysphoria & Transgenderism

Transgender people report **40%** higher rates of depression than non-transgender people.

Someone who identifies as transgender may not experience gender dysphoria.

82% of transgender adolescents who experience dysphoria also experience social isolation.

Gender dysphoria is a psychiatric diagnosis that refers to the psychological distress resulting from an inconsistency between a person's God-given sex and their percieved gender identity.

25% of transgender adults report substance use disorders.

God's Word

Psalm 46:1-3

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling."

Revelation 4:11

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

Christian Response



Pray for believers experiencing suffering and persecution.

Walk alongside friends who are suffering. Share the hope of Christ with them.





Encourage friends who may be struggling with gender dysphoria or transgenderism to seek counseling from a pastor, deaconess, or Christian counselor.

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Sources for Life Week fact sheets