

**Online Ladies Club: Raleigh, Greensboro and Jacksonville congregations**  
**Part 6: LONGSUFFERING**

<https://www.ucg.org/sermons/longsuffering-the-fruit-of-the-spirit-part-6>

Mr. Petty talks about 5 ways suffering comes from in our lives.

- Our own sins
  - The sins of others
  - Bad judgments
  - We live in Satan's world
  - Spiritual growth is sometimes painful. We are incomplete and need to be perfected with God's help.
1. What are some examples of longsuffering that you can share (from your life or the Bible)? [When in a time of suffering, how did you cope and endure, and did you learn?](#) What do these instances help to build in us?
  
  2. God helps us bear the suffering but we must ask, seek and pray for His help. Mr. Petty mentions Job and God's purpose for Job suffering. Job realizes that he is prideful and repents and changes. Job is blessed mightily after this. [What other lessons about suffering have you learned from reading Job or hearing sermons about him?](#)
  
  3. Unless God works with us, we are nothing. God's work in us gives us value in God's plan. How does God work with us?
  
  4. Who are others in the Bible who suffered for God's purpose in the Old and New Testament, [and what was the end result?](#) They trusted God to work with them.
  
  5. Who suffered for all so that we could become first fruits with God's spirit?