

of His resurrection, the power that He wants to work in ~~us~~ us to raise us up from our weaknesses and from our sins.

Paul prayed that I may know the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. We'd all like to know the power of His resurrection, but how many of us would like to know the fellowship of His sufferings?

I went to the dentist some days ago. He worked on my tooth. He said, Do you want novacain? I said, No. He said, I don't even ask the other people if they want novacain, I just automatically put it on. I said, When I first began having work done on my teeth drills went half as fast as they do today so they hurt twice as much as they do today, and compared with what we went through then anything anybody has suffered from a dentist today is practically nill. He said, Practically everybody that comes in wants me to do everything I can to deaden them so they don'tt feel anything." I said, I'd rather have a little pain on my tooth than have that needle stuck in my jaw and have my jaw stiff for a good while afterwards. He went ahead and worked here and here and here and I got through that. But I've always in my life been afraid of pain and suffering. I've always hated the thought of having it. But from that experience I gather that most people today have gone twice as far as I have ever went in that direction.

Can you imagine praying that you may know the fellowship of His sufferings? I used to pray when when I was a body and was terribly afraid when I heard of some of my friends hav~~ing~~ having operations, I used to pray the Lord would protect me ~~xxx~~ that I would not have to go through such an experience. Then I reached the point I decided that was not the right prayer. And I prayed