



## **Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word**

**Colossians 1:24-25 ESV**

**Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, [25] of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,**

**Pastor & Author John Piper said this: "I want you to see persecution and opposition and slander and misunderstanding and disappointment and self-recrimination and weakness and danger as the normal portion of faithful pastoral ministry."**

It is important to pray for and support the Pastor, because one thing is for sure that as the Pastor leads the people of God it is important and necessary to pray for the Pastor, and to follow the leadership of the Pastor. As the Church grows, and as the Church continues to follow God, the Church needs leadership, but a healthy leader is one that has a healthy following!

We stay in it when we follow the word of the Lord, and when we continue to trust the Lord we have the responsibility to pray for our leaders, follow our leaders, and serve in the way that will glorify the Lord and help make the vision of the Pastor continue to go forward and to excel!

As the Church, it is vital to be that kind of Church that is healthy and that is not participating in anything that will cause the Church to become sick or that will cause the Church to decay from backlash! Let us serve the Lord, and lift up the Pastor because the work of the ministry is a blessing and can be hard, but with the right spirit, team, and God there's nothing that can't be done or accomplished!

**Hebrews 13:17 ESV - Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.**

***Pastor G. Chris Brown***