



## INTRO: A DANGEROUS STUDY

Danger #1: Thinking we have to \_\_\_\_\_ the purposes for suffering (Is 55:8-9; Heb 13:8)

Danger 2: Using God's purposes to \_\_\_\_\_ the difficulty (Heb. 11:6)

Danger 3: Usually, it's not helpful to tell others \_\_\_\_\_ they are suffering (Pr. 22:20)

Week 1: The Bible's Answer to the Problem of Suffering

*The wisdom of God and a call to trust*

### **Week 2: God's Revealed Purposes for Suffering**

*How God can use suffering for our good and His glory*

Week 3: Unbiblical Reactions to Suffering

*Temptations to find hope in what is passing away*

Week 4: Fighting for faith

*Struggling for faith in God's sovereignty and goodness*

Week 5: Suffering as Witness

*Making the most of your suffering for the glory of God*

Week 6: The Secret of Contentment

*Finding joy in Christ in any and every situation*

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## #1 SUFFERING IS A GIFT?!

Phil 1:29 - "granted...to suffer for him"

Luke 9:23-25 - "whoever loses his life for me will save it"

2 Cor. 4:17 "The light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison"

We suffer to \_\_\_\_\_ something better. That's why it's a gift.

## #2 GOD'S REVEALED PURPOSES

To grow us in \_\_\_\_\_  
*Ps. 119:67 "...now I obey your word"*

To build \_\_\_\_\_  
*Rom 5:3 "...suffering produces perseverance...and hope."*

To \_\_\_\_\_ His word  
*Ps 119:71 "so that I might learn your decrees"*

To help us \_\_\_\_\_ others  
*2 Cor 1:3-4 "...so that we can comfort those in any trouble"*

To wean us off \_\_\_\_\_  
*2 Cor 1:8b-9 "...so that we might not rely on ourselves but on God"*

To strengthen our \_\_\_\_\_  
*Heb 12:7-8 "God is treating you as sons"*  
*Rom. 8:17 "if children...if indeed we suffer with him..."*

To \_\_\_\_\_ God  
*Matt. 13:44 "in his joy he...sells all that he has and buys that field"*  
*Heb. 11:24-26 "chose to be mistreated...for Christ as greater value"*  
*Psalms 73:25-26*

## CONCLUSION

#1 Avoid the danger of \_\_\_\_\_ to know.

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ God for the mercy of revelation.