



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.