

NOT ASHAMED OF SUFFERING

- Respond to suffering by being HONEST as you put your HOPE in God. *Job 13:15*

- Respond to suffering by REMEMBERING God's powerful PAST care of you. *Psalms 77*

- Respond to suffering by remembering that your suffering is LIGHT, MOMENTARY, and MEANINGFUL in light of eternity. *2 Cor 4:16-18*



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When you think about suffering you've experienced in your life, do you think a hammer, a file, or a furnace is a better image? Why?
2. Read Job's responses to his suffering (1:21, 3:2-5, 5:8-9, 13:15, 19:25-27)? How do these responses resonate with you?
3. What does it look like to respond to suffering with both hope and honesty?
4. Psalm 77 has two main sections. How does each section show us how to respond to suffering (77:1-9, 77:10-20)?
5. How can remembering Jesus' cross help you in the midst of pain or suffering?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. What does it mean that our afflictions are light and momentary? How does this help in suffering?
7. In 2 Corinthians 4:17, what does it mean that our suffering is "preparing for us an eternal weight of glory"? How can this be a comfort to you?
8. On a practical level, how do we fix our eyes on what is unseen (4:18)? How do we experience renewal day-by-day (4:16)?
9. When you think about people around you who face suffering, what do you find difficult to explain or deal with?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

- ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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