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## Sharing in the Sufferings of Jesus

II Corinthians 12:1-10



1. Jesus died first and foremost to pay the debt in full for our sins. When we put our faith in Christ for salvation, He uses our suffering for our good. Look up the following verses and write down the benefits found in our suffering:
  - Romans 5:3-5
  - II Corinthians 4:16-18
  - James 1:2-4
2. God reigns over suffering and allows it in our lives. Look up the following passages and write down observations of God's sovereignty in these situations and how it should be a comfort to us in our suffering:
  - Genesis 50:15-21
  - Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6
3. Paul says that he is content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities because when he is weak, he is strong in the grace of Christ. Look up the following verses and write down why we can be content in His grace:
  - Ephesians 2:8-9
  - Hebrews 4:15-16

Connection Card Next Steps Memorize I Peter 4:13

**\*I see** that God has been using a "thorn in my flesh" to knock on the door of my heart, and today I will open the door, believe in Jesus and be rescued.

**\*I recognize** I have a "thorn in the flesh" God has given me to make me more like Christ. Please pray that I would glory in His grace made perfect in my weakness.