

## **Suffer Well—Fight Triumphalism**

*Salty Series*

### Discussion Questions

1. Describe the beautiful responses to suffering that you have witnessed by people who suffer and those who care for people who suffer.
2. What is triumphalism?
3. How have you seen a “triumphalistic response” to suffering?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. What is the context of Paul’s comments? (See 12:1-6)
5. What does 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 say about triumphalism?
6. How does suffering keep us humble according to 2 Corinthians 12:7?
7. Why is humility so important? (See James 4:6)
8. How do we live into the promise, “My grace is sufficient for you”?
9. Describe ways that God shows his power in our suffering.
10. What does the grand narrative of the gospel (creation, fall, redemption and the promise of restoration) say about our suffering?

We might not know the reason God allows evil and suffering to continue, or why it is so random. But we know what it can’t be. It can’t be that he doesn’t love us! It can’t be that he doesn’t care. He is so committed to our ultimate joy and redemption that he was willing to suffer himself. That’s the love of God for us.