

THERE IS A PURPOSE #1
“There’s Purpose in Your Pain”
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Luke 22:31-32 *“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.”*

- **Sometimes God’s preparation comes packaged as pain.**

Luke 22:61-62 *The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” ⁶²And he went outside and wept bitterly.*

- **Don’t just look at life from a perspective of pain.**
- **See your pain from a perspective of purpose.**

Romans 8:28 *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

James 1:2-4 *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

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Talk-It-Over

- Read Romans 8:28. Have you ever seen God use a difficult situation for the good of someone? What happened?
- How might seeing God’s purpose behind your pain change your experience of pain?
- How can you start viewing your pain from the perspective of purpose? What would that look like for you?