



August 18, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell  
2 Corinthians Summary | "Why, Lord?"

### Sermon Application Review from 2 Corinthians 12:1-13

Who did you spiritually build up this past week (12:14-21)?

What did you learn from examining your spiritual growth and ministry (13:5)?

What steps did you take to offer and receive "caring community" (13:11-13)?

### Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 8-11

2 Corinthians 4:7-11, 15

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

2 Corinthians 12:7, 8-10

### Study Questions

1. What would it look like this week to "spend and be spent" for the souls of others (12:15a)? In what ways has God strengthened you amid your suffering (1:3)? How are you strengthening other believers during their suffering (1:4)? When has suffering caused you to despair of life (1:8)? How did you trust in God who raises the dead rather than yourself (1:9)?
2. How does the "treasure" of the gospel comfort you in your suffering (4:7)? When have you displayed Jesus, not yourself amid suffering (4:11)? How have you glorified God's grace during your suffering (4:15)?
3. How often do you reflect on your "eternal weight of glory" (4:18) and new body (5:1-5)? In what ways do you yearn for heaven (4:16-5:10)? When has your suffering led you to repentance (7:8-10)?
4. When have you seen suffering Christians support other believers during economic hardship (8:13-15)? How have you experienced God's gracious provision during your suffering (9:8-11)?
5. In what ways has your suffering countered conceit (12:7)? When have you seen your weakness reveal God's power (12:8-10)? Which of Paul's ten suffering purposes has been most meaningful to you?

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### Recommended Reading

Nancy Guthrie ed., *Be Still, My Soul: Embracing God's Purpose and Provision in Suffering* (Crossway, 2010)

Christopher W. Morgan & Robert A. Peterson, *Suffering and the Goodness of God* (Crossway, 2018)

Tim Challies, *Seasons of Sorrow: The Pain of Loss and the Comfort of God* (Zondervan, 2022)

Mark Talbot, *Give Me Understanding That I May Live: Situating Our Suffering within God's Redemptive Plan* (Crossway, 2020); *Suffering and the Christian Life, Volume 2* (Crossway, 2022)