

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Life can be difficult at times, and at times it can feel disrespectfully cruel. It's when we're overwhelmed by circumstances that are out of our control that God seems to teach His greatest lessons. His goodness is near, and His grace is enough.

Sometimes the path to complete healing goes through the valley of complete brokenness

God is good even when life is not

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)

- **Restraint**
- **Request**
- **Response**
- **Reason**

God's grace is sufficient

Daniel 3:17-18 (NIV)

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV)

Job 1:21 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

- 1)** What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2)** Talk about the last time you felt "punched you in the face" by life. What happened and how did that experience or season impact you mentally, emotionally, spiritually?
- 3)** When you face painful situations, personal loss, or struggles, how do you remain focused on the goodness and faithfulness of God? How has God used Scripture, worship music, the words of others, your small group community, etc. to encourage you?
- 4)** Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. At what point in your life did the words, "My grace is sufficient for you" become personal? How have you learned (or do you feel like you're still learning) what it means to delight in weakness, hardships, and difficulties? How have you tried to teach this to your children?