



# GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

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## Right Where God Wants Me

**Speakers: John & Mercedes**

### Highlighted Scripture

**Hebrews 12:11 (ESV)**

**"For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."**

### Summary

**In this heartfelt conversation, John and Mercedes explore the tension between surrendering to God's will and enduring suffering. They reflect on the powerful and sometimes scary prayer: "Thy will, not mine, be done."**

**Through John's current health struggles, they highlight how pain can bring us closer to Christ, and how true faith often emerges in trials. John shares how he is being spiritually refined like gold, learning to faithfully lament to God instead of sinfully complain, and recognizing that suffering can become a testimony that helps others.**

**Mercedes encourages John (and us) to reframe hardship with humor and truth: "I'm better than ever — right where God wants me to be."**

### Discussion Questions

- **Have you ever prayed, “Thy will be done”? What emotions or fears come with that prayer?**
- **How have you seen God use suffering to produce growth or deeper faith in your life?**
- **What does it mean to “faithfully lament” rather than “sinfully complain”? What’s the difference?**
- **When going through trials, how can your attitude impact others’ faith?**
- **Can you identify someone whose suffering has inspired you? What made their response powerful?**
- **In what ways might your current (or past) struggles become part of your testimony?**
- **How does recognizing that you are “exactly where God wants you to be” bring comfort or challenge you?**



## **Reflection Challenge**

**This week, when someone asks how you’re doing, respond with:**

**“Better than ever — right where God wants me to be.”**

**Then reflect privately on how God is working through your current season. Journal your faithful laments to God, trusting that He hears you and is shaping you through it.**



## **Prayer Prompt**

**Lord, I surrender to Your will, even when it's uncomfortable or unclear. Help me to trust You in my suffering, to draw nearer in my pain, and to reflect Your love and strength to those around me. May my struggles become a testimony of Your grace, and may I faithfully lament to You while living with joy and purpose. Amen.**

