

## Life Application:

- How does your identity in Christ inform your purpose?
- What purpose has God given you?
- Are you walking in your purpose?

# PAIN WITH A PURPOSE

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### Psalm 121:1-8 (NJKV)

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
From where shall my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.  
He will not allow your foot to slip;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold, He who keeps Israel  
Will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper;  
The Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun will not smite you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will protect you from all evil;  
He will keep your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth and forever.

What did David learn from his difficult circumstances?

**Romans 8:31** - What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

What did Paul learn?

**Romans 8:28** - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

“Work together” in the original language is where we get our English word “synergy”

**Things to understand about purpose:**

1. Purpose is: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Purpose is: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Purpose cannot be \_\_\_\_\_

How do we identify purpose in our life?

1.

2.

3.

When we begin to understand that all of the pain trials and suffering when place into God’s hands become purpose, roadblock become steppingstones; pain becomes passion; condemnation becomes commitment to obedience; guilt becomes an opportunity to be better; and shame becomes a bridge between me and my brothers and sisters.