



Experiencing God





7 Realities of Experiencing God

1. God is always at work.
2. God pursues a love relationship with me.
3. God invites me into His work.
4. God reveals Himself, His purpose, and His ways to me.
5. God's invitation will lead me to a crisis of belief.
6. I must make major adjustments to join God.
7. I will come to know God by experience as I obey him.

Romans 1:1-3

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David...

Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

The main point is...

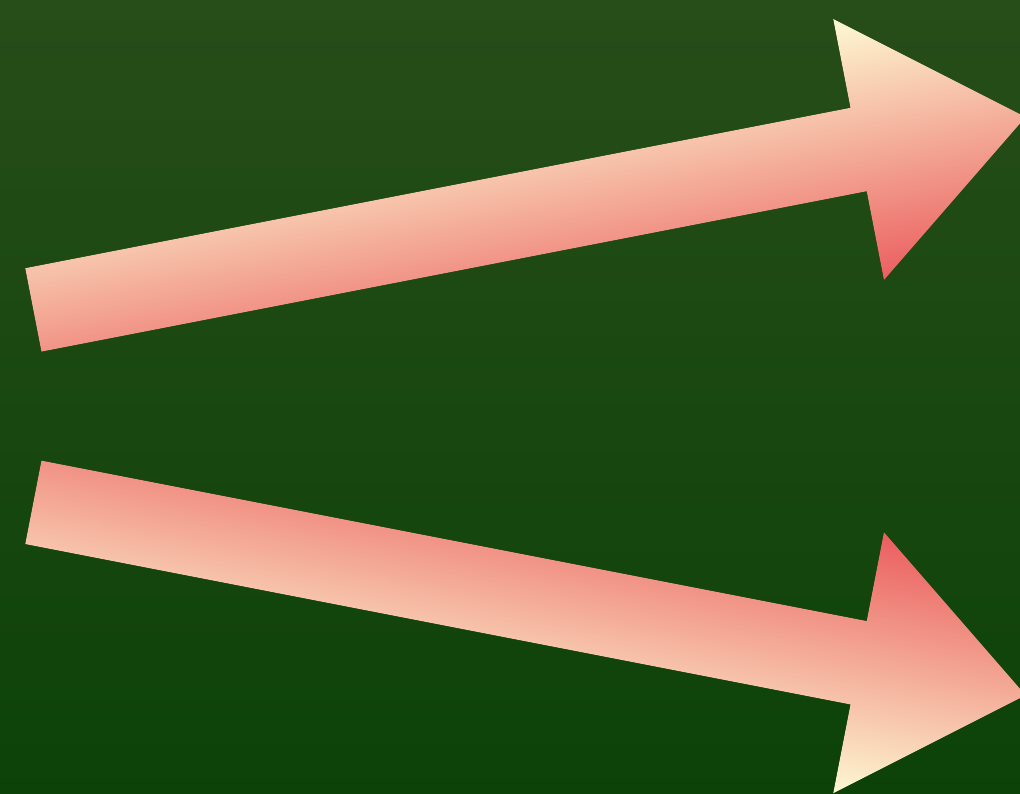
When God reveals Himself to us, this leads us to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

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"You never just suffer the thing that you're suffering, but you always suffer the way that you're suffering that thing."

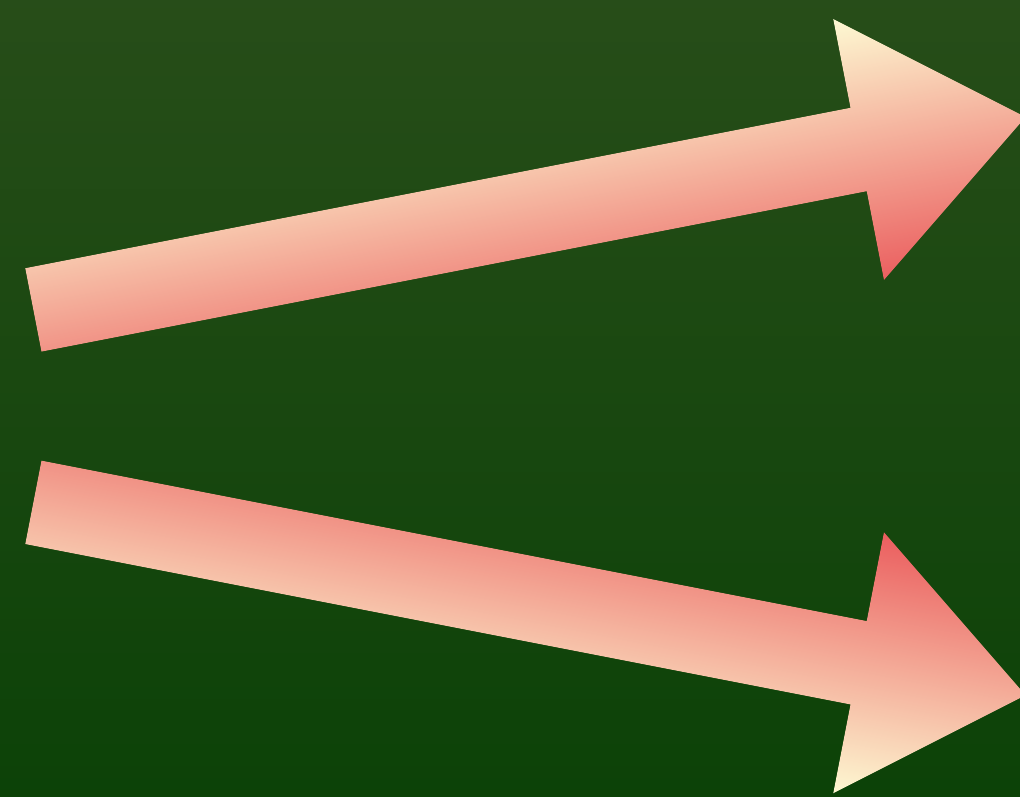
(Paul Tripp in *Suffering: Gospel Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense*)

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