



## The Truth about Pain and Suffering 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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Why do bad things happen to good people? This is an age-old issue that still troubles many today. Sickness, disease, crime, accidents, and disasters all seem to strike without rhyme or reason.

The issue of human suffering will not be fully resolved in this lifetime. However, we do know that sometimes we suffer simply because we are human. There are also times we suffer because we are foolish. Then there are times we suffer because God is at work in our lives.

In our text, Paul revealed that he had been given a painful thorn in the flesh for the purpose of keeping him humble.

### Main Thought...

➔ When life brings pain and \_\_\_\_\_, God provides grace and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to suffer (v. 1-7; 11:23-28).

Jn. 15:20a; 16:33; Acts 14:21-22; 2 Cor. 4:7-10, 16-18

2. \_\_\_\_\_ it through (v. 8).

Heb. 4:15-16; Jm. 4:8a, 10; 5:13-16

3. \_\_\_\_\_ in faith (v. 9-10).

- God provides \_\_\_\_\_ grace (v. 9a).
- God provides \_\_\_\_\_ power (v. 9b-10).

Rom. 5:3-5; 8:18, 28; Gen. 50:19-20

### Final Thoughts...

➔ Are you passing through a \_\_\_\_\_ of pain and suffering?

➔ Will you \_\_\_\_\_ in God's provision of grace and strength?