



THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

Genesis 37-50; Genesis 50:20-21



What is suffering? Anything which hurts or irritates.

- 1 Peter 4:12
- Philippians 1:29

Why do we suffer?

1- Suffering is not always the result of our own sin.

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

2- Suffering doesn't necessarily make sense.

- Romans 8:28
- Genesis 50:20-21

3- Suffering produces character!

- Romans 5:3-5

What is the Character-Building Test?

1. The Pride Test - Genesis 37:1-11
2. The Pit Test - Genesis 37:18-24
3. The Purity Test - Genesis 39:1-6
4. The Prison Test - Genesis 39:13-23; Genesis 41:37-40
5. The Purpose Test - Genesis 45:3-8

- Ecclesiastes 3:1
- Romans 8:28
- Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV)

Lineage from Abraham to Jesus

