## TRUSTING DURING TRIALS—WE CAN TRUST HIM Pastor Aaron VanderMolen Sunday, August 15, 2021

Trials are unexpected events that cause difficulty that refine us and make us better for it.

In the midst of a trial, we ask "why" when the question we should be asking is "what."

Trials are the tests that show us our weakness and reveal God's strength and power in our lives in a greater way.

## **HOW DOES GOD USE TRIALS?**

We trust God in the trial because He will produce something new in us.

No one would ever want to relive a trial they walked through but they are thankful for what it produced in their life.

1. Trials make us recognize our need for God.

He will give you more than you can endure so you must turn to Him. (2 Corinthians 1:8-10)

- 2. It tests our faith and refines it. (1 Peter 1:6-9)
- 3. Trials grow our endurance (James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-4)

## **HOW DO WE ENDURE TRIALS?**

- We endure trials by trusting in His strength.
- 1. The strength of His grace (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- 2. The strength of His love (2 Corinthians 1:5)
- 3. The strength of His wisdom (James 1:5)
- 4. The strength of worshipping Him (Psalm 34)
- 5. He will use this trial to bless someone else. (2 Corinthians 1:3)