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1. We all suffer

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds” James 1:2

2. We all respond to suffering

A slice of life

3. God meets us in our suffering

a) God invites us to come near

b) God invites us to cry to him

c) God invites us to remember who He is

d) God invites us to bear one another's burdens
A slice of life

4. God is 'up to something'

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

1. **(Job 1: 21-22) 21** and said “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.” **22** In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.
2. **(Job 13: 15) 15** Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.
3. **(Job 19: 25-27) 25** I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. **26** And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; **27** I myself will see him with my own eyes — I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!
4. **(Job 42: 5) 5** My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.
5. **(Psalm 119: 67) 67** Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.
6. **(Matthew 11: 28-29) 28** Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls
7. **(Psalm 102: 1-2) 1** Hear my prayer, LORD; let my cry for help come to you. **2** Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly
8. **(1 Peter 5: 7) 7** Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

- 9. (Psalm 139: 13-16) 13** For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. **14** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. **15** My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. **16** Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
- 10. (Isaiah 41: 10) 10** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- 11. (Psalm 23: 4) 4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 12. (Romans 8: 31-32) 31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
- 13. (Romans 8:28-30) 28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.
- 14. (2 Corinthians 1: 3-4) 3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
- 15. (James 1: 2-4) 2** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.