

Message Notes

Trouble in Paradise

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1. Suffering _____.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

2. Suffering _____.

2 Corinthians 1:4-5

3. Suffering _____.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9; 12:7-10

Questions for Family Discussion

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1. Where would you put yourself on a “suffering scale” right now (0 = never been better, 10 = never been worse)? In what area of your life are you suffering most?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3. How has the experience of pain changed your relationship with God? When you are suffering, do you tend to feel God’s love or question it?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:4-5. When has God used someone else’s empathy to comfort you? When has He redeemed your suffering by allowing you to give someone else the comfort He gave you?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. Have you ever experienced the “strength in weakness” that Paul writes about? If so, when?
5. Besides those mentioned in 2 Corinthians 1, what purposes for suffering has God revealed to you?