

**Sanctification 1: Transformed Through Trouble**  
How to Get Through What You're Going Through  
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God's number one purpose in your life is to make you like Jesus.

***Four things God uses to make me like Jesus:***

1. Holy Spirit
2. His Word
4. Other people
5. Our problems

***How I can respond:***

1. Remember God's plan is good.
2. Rejoice and give thanks.
3. Refuse to give up.

**Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion**

***Read Romans 8:28-29.***

Trouble and tragedy can be catalysts for doubt and fear. In the midst of struggle it can be hard to remember that God is working for your good. Which part of this verse is the most meaningful to you? Is there a part that you struggle with? Why?

***Read Genesis 50:14-20.***

Joseph recognized God's sovereignty over his life, even through betrayal, loss, unjust accusations, and undeserved imprisonment. What do you learn from Joseph's example? What encouragement do you find in this story?

How have you seen God work through a difficult situation in your own life to redeem what was hard into something that was good?

***Read 1 Thesalonians 5:18.***

What is the difference between giving thanks FOR circumstances and giving thanks IN circumstances? Can you think of a difficult situation in your own life where you were able to be thankful, even in the midst of the loss or pain? What were you thankful for?

***Read James 1:3-4 and Galatians 5:22-23.***

In what ways have the hard things in your life produced endurance in you?

Which fruits of the Spirit has God developed in you through difficult circumstances? Which one is He developing in you now?

How are you actively depending on the Holy Spirit to lead you through hardship so you grow to be more like Jesus?

Which of the four things God uses to make us like Jesus is He currently using in your life? Which of the three responses do you need to practice more consistently?