

Service: Don't Waste Your Pain
How to Get Through What You're Going Through
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I can use pain...

1. ... to draw closer to God.
2. ... to draw closer to others.
3. ... to become more like Jesus.
4. ... to help others.
5. ... to witness to the world.

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

Read Galatians 3:4, 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 and 7:9.

Paul's words to the Corinthian church described overwhelming pain. In what ways do those kinds of experiences draw people closer to God?

What good does Paul say came from his experience?

Pain only draws us closer to God if we choose to let it. How have you allowed pain to deepen your relationship with God?

What good has God brought out of your own pain?

Read Galatians 6:2.

How have you let pain draw you closer to other people?

How can you intentionally cultivate deeper relationships?

Read 2 Corinthians 7:11 and 4:16-18.

How has pain in your life helped you grow to be more like Jesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:4-6.

Have you had someone in your life who was able to understand or encourage you because they had been through a similar situation to yours? What did that mean to you?

In what ways have you been able to be a source of comfort or encouragement to someone else, because you understand what they are going through?

Read Philippians 1:12 and 2 Corinthians 6:4

Are you more committed to becoming like Jesus than you are to a pain-free life? What does that look like in your everyday living?