

## **Tough Stuff: Suffering and Glory**

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1. Read Psalm 13:1-2. Have you ever experienced the feelings expressed in this psalm? Spend some time praying for those who are feeling this today around the world.
2. Have you ever been “burned” by others in the midst of your suffering? Why is our response to others’ pain so important?
3. Do you believe that all suffering in your life is a result of your disobedience? Have you ever been exposed to this teaching? What impact can this belief have on our response to suffering?
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:12. Why is it important to recognize that pain and suffering are integral parts of the Christian life?
5. Are you a “shiny, happy person” when others around you are suffering? What does that response look and sound like?
6. Read Lamentations 1:16 and 3:16-18. When have you experienced pain like this? Why is it significant that God is okay with these feelings?
7. Who is the spotlight on in the midst of the dark room of your suffering?
8. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7. In what ways can we bring praise to God during hard times? Who do you know that has done this really well?
9. Read Colossians 3:4. Do you really believe that Christ is your LIFE? How is this evident in your response to the tough stuff?