

WHATEVER THE WEATHER #4
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“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

“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. 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.” Romans 8:28-29 NIV

- A GREAT _____ . (And we know)
- A GREAT _____ . (in all things God works)
- A GREAT _____ . (being conformed)
- A GREAT _____ . (that...many brothers)

“There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.” Philippians 1:6 MSG

THE GREAT CHISEL IN THE HAND OF GOD: SUFFERING

“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.” Philippians 3:10 NIV

SUFFERING _____ .

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 NIV

SUFFERING _____ .

“We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.” 2 Corinthians 4:10-12 NIV

SUFFERING _____ .

“It is written: ‘I believed; therefore I have spoken.’ Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.”

SUFFERING _____.

“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.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

SO WHAT DO I ACTUALLY DO WHEN SUFFERING ON EARTH...

“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 4:18 NIV

_____ letting suffering be a _____.

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FOR DISCUSSION:

CAN YOU IDENTIFY A NEGATIVE LIFE EVENT/SEASON THAT SHAPED YOU IN A POSITIVE WAY?

WHY IS IT HARD TO BELIEVE GOD CAN WORK ALL THINGS SOMETIMES FOR THE GOOD?

WHICH ASPECT OF HOW GOD USES SUFFERING RESONATES WITH YOU TODAY? WHY?

WHAT GIVES GOD’S MAN HIS CONFIDENCE THAT GOD CAN REPURPOSE SUFFERING FOR HIS GLORY AND PURPOSES?

WHAT UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION OR CHALLENGE IS GOD TRYING TO USE RIGHT NOW IN YOUR LIFE?

