

Deal With It

Learning To Deal With Pain

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Adversity, pain and suffering will be a part of all of our lives

Paul's Perspective on Pain

1. He was confident of the _____
(7)

God can use pain, suffering and difficulties for His glory and for our good.

2. He was clear about the _____ (7)

Thorn -

Torment/Buffer -

3. He was confident about God's _____ (8-9)

God is not obligated to heal all who pray in faith

- Sometimes God will remove the _____
- Sometimes God will give us His _____

4. He was encouraged by the _____
(9-10)

If we are not careful, our advantages can blind us to the real source of power in our lives

Lessons to Be Learned From Disruptive Moments

1. Whatever happens is _____
through the hands of God

2. They are not without _____

3. The promise of God is the _____
of His grace

- God does not always give us _____,
but He does give us His _____

4. These moments can result in more _____

John 15 - Image of pruning

5. What we receive from these disruptive moments depends on how we _____

Three things we can do in these disruptive moments:

- We can _____ the moment
- We can become _____ by it
- We can be _____ by it

God in His love always wills what is best.
In His wisdom, He always knows what is best.
In His sovereignty, He has the power to bring it about.

Making It Personal:

- What are the major points of pain in my life right now?
- How have I been viewing my pain? What can I learn from Paul's perspective on pain?
- How have I been responding to the "disruptive moments" in my life?
- How can I better respond to the "disruptive moments" in my life?
- Who in my life can I share these truths with?