

Sermon Notes

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SUFFERING & HARDSHIP

PSALM 22; JOHN 9:1-3

How do we keep faith with God in the midst of suffering and hardship?

- Bring your grief and struggles _____ instead of turning away.
(Psalm 22)
 - God may seem _____, but the truth is that he is near. (vv. 1, 11, 19, cf. 24)
- Trust in God's faithfulness and _____. (vv. 3-5, 24-31)
 - The cross is the _____ and _____. (vv. 27-31, Romans 11)
- Look for _____ instead of explanations. (vv. 27-31; John 9)

God never promises a life _____ from hardship or pain, instead he offers _____ and the promise that one day he will put _____.

Worship Songs

- *Bring It to the Altar*, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, and Kate Bluett.
- *Slow Me Down*, K. Bluett, L.A. Jordan, M. Kaemingk, S. McCracken, and W. Kimbrough.
- *All Who Are Thirsty*, Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson.
- *Not a Stranger*, Sandra McCracken, Paul Zach, Kate Bluett, and Kayla Craig.