**Common Misconceptions About Suffering**

**II Corinthians 1:8-10**; **4:7-11**

**I.** **Misconception #1** - **God Won’t Give Us More Than We Can\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

**II Corinthians** **1:8-9b**

The word ***“affliction”*** comes from a Greek word that describes a type of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for which there is absolutely no \_\_\_\_\_\_.

The word ***“despaired”*** implies the total unavailability of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from an oppressive circumstance.

Remember, there is a difference between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The **1st** popular misconception is that God won’t give us more than we can handle **-** but the ***biblical reality*** is that God won’t give us more than \_\_\_\_ can handle.

**II. Misconception #2 - God Helps Those Who Help \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

**II Corinthians 1:9b-10**

Total \_\_\_\_\_\_ in God is an essential step that must be taken before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will ever be granted.

So very often in God’s perfect plan and purpose, the thing that is necessary to bring that to pass is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

In the life of every child of God, human suffering always has a divine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

The people that God loves to use the most are those who have learned to completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon Him. ***(Proverbs 3:5-6)***

The **2nd** popular misconception is that God helps those who help themselves - but the ***biblical reality*** is that God helps those who trust in \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Misconception #3 - God Doesn’t Want His Children To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**II Corinthians 4:7-11**

In **v 10**, what Paul was actually saying was that he was constantly in a state of giving up his \_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul wasn’t talking about life after death, he was talking about life in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of death.

One of the most basic principles of the Christian life is that God uses suffering in the lives of His children in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them to the likeness of His \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 8:28-29**

When hardship and heartache come your way always remember this: God isn’t trying to \_\_\_\_\_\_ you, He is trying to \_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you!

The **3rd** popular misconception is that God doesn’t want his children to suffer - but the ***biblical reality*** is that God uses suffering to make us more like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

**Spurgeon once said that “When you can’t trace His** \_\_\_\_\_\_ **you can always trust His** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.”**

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