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and about earthly _____
- 2) The New Covenant is _____ and
about eternal _____
- 3) Regardless of the _____ of your suffering -
God wants to use it for _____
- 4) God's correction is never to _____, but always to
_____.

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- a) God's purpose is to make me _____, not
necessarily _____
- b) God sees the eternal _____, we only see the
temporary _____
- c) The best proof of God's love is the _____, not
my _____
- 5) If _____ of your hopes or dreams come true - But _____
of God's promises come true - Is that _____?

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- 1) The Mosaic Covenant was CONDITIONAL
and about earthly BLESSING
- 2) The New Covenant is UNCONDITIONAL and
about eternal SALVATION
- 3) Regardless of the SOURCE of your suffering -
God wants to use it for GOOD
- 4) God's correction is never to PUNISH, but always to
TRAIN.

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Psalm 16:11 Isaiah 48:10 Mark 4:38
Psalm 22:1-2 2 Corinthians 12:9 Isaiah 41:10

- a) God's purpose is to make me HOLY, not
necessarily HAPPY
- b) God sees the eternal GOOD, we only see the
temporary PAIN
- c) The best proof of God's love is the CROSS, not
my CIRCUMSTANCES
- 5) If NONE of your hopes or dreams come true - But ALL
of God's promises come true - Is that ENOUGH?

GET PRACTICAL

- 6) How would you respond to the following quote and question?

Yet God can never make us into wine if we object to the fingers He chooses to use to crush us. We say, "If God would only use His own fingers, and make me broken bread and poured-out wine in a special way, then I wouldn't object!" But when He uses someone we dislike, or some set of circumstances to which we said we would never submit, to crush us, then we object. Yet we must never try to choose the place of our own martyrdom. If we are ever going to be made into wine, we will have to be crushed—you cannot drink grapes. Grapes become wine only when they have been squeezed. I wonder what finger and thumb God has been using to squeeze you? - Oswald Chambers

Whether you're experiencing deep sorrow, or minor irritation - what is it that God is trying to do in your heart right now? What truth is He trying to remind you of? What lie is He trying to tear down? What habit is He trying to break?

- 7) List at least five of God's promises that you need to cling to this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of April 21, 2024

MY STORY

- 1) Share a funny story of a time when you got into trouble as a kid OR of a time you corrected your own child.

QUICK REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at Hebrews 12:3-11 and your notes from this Sunday's message, what stood out to you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) The following hymn is called How Firm a Foundation. As you read through it, what stands out to you or confuses you from the lyrics?

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.*

“E’en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary (gray) hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne. “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose (rest), I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

Which of the above lyrics mean the most to you? Why?

What is most helpful for you when you endure trials?

What are some common ways people respond to serious suffering today? Do you think these are effective responses? Why or why not?

4) What stands out to you from the following quotes?

Charles Spurgeon - *"I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages."*

John Piper - *"Not only is all your affliction momentary, not only is all your affliction light in comparison to eternity and the glory there. But all of it is totally meaningful."*

Billy Graham - *"Mountaintops are for views and inspiration, but fruit is grown in the valleys."*

Elisabeth Elliot - *"The deepest things that I have learned in my own life have come from the deepest suffering. And out of the deepest waters and the hottest fires have come the deepest things I know about God."*

5) What stands out to you from the following passage?
Psalms 73:1-7, 13-14, 16-17, 25-28 - *"[1] Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart. [2] But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. [3] For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked. [4] For there are no pangs in their death, But their strength is firm. [5] They are not in trouble as other men, Nor are they plagued like other men. [6] Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them like a garment. [7] Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish. ... [13] Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, And washed my hands in innocence. [14] For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning. ... [16] When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me-- [17] Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end. ... [25] Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. [26] My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. [27] For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry. [28] But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works."*

What was the psalmist struggling with?

Have you ever struggled with this? In what way?

How did the psalmist find answers or hope?

Do you think it is wrong to complain to the Lord? Why or why not?