

Series: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

The Suffering Body - It's Never Senseless

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

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As we come to the topic of The Suffering Body, we have never been in a time when a discussion of suffering and our response to suffering is more important. Just in the past few weeks. The country has been rocked by violence in Buffalo, NY, a church in California and an elementary school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Homicides are at an all time highs in may cities, and sickness, abuse and other disasters seem to be on the rise as we face a world in even greater turmoil, are we prepared? Will you be able to praise God or will you curse Him.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 to look at how the apostle Paul saw suffering and how it affected him.

1. What does Paul compare his body to in this passage, and how does this relate personally to you? What are some ways that suffering affects our lives specifically? What might this enable suffering to do to us?
2. How does 1 Peter 4:12 say we should react to suffering? How should this verse encourage us to have hope? What can suffering not do to us.

“Evil is real but it doesn’t have the last word!”

3. In verses 13-18 what is to be our encouragement in suffering? What are the good aspects of suffering in our lives? Do we believe this?
4. What does 2 Corinthians 17-18 mean when it says “We do not fasten our eyes on the visible but on the unseen, for the visible things are transient, but the unseen things are eternal?”

Big Idea: Christ’s Heavy Glory Outweighs Our Heavy Grief, And This Is Why We Don’t Loose Heart.

5. What did Randy mean when he said “We need day-by-day renewal”? Why do we need this and what does it keep us from doing?