

Pain, Pain, Go Away

Psalm 34:18, Hebrews 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

1. Pain makes us real – Psalm 34:18

Psalm 34:18 - The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

2. Pain makes us choose – Hebrews 12:1-2

3. Pain makes us homesick – 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

2 Corinthians 4:17 - Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

ONE THING

If your heart is broken, you'll find GOD right there;
if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath.
– Psalm 34:18 (MSG)

At Home Study Guide

For the week of January 24, 2021

It's tough to live an eternally focused life in a world that's not the way it is supposed to be. There is an honest tension between what we already have in Christ, and what we hope for in the new heavens and new earth. Through this series we hope you will gain confidence in God live strong through the difficulties of this world.

1. In the difficulties of life, God cares. Read Psalm 34:18 and reflect on examples from the Bible and examples from your own life of how God has cared for you in difficulties.

2. In the difficulties of life, God has a purpose. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18. Paul makes two comparisons in this passage, one in each verse. In what ways are these verses helpful to you?

3. God wants to use our difficulties for the good of others. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. How has God provided comfort to you from others who understand? To whom could you give comfort?

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