

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

God is Good When Life is Not

1) God the Father IS good and our response to Him

Ephesians 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,”

1 Peter 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

2) Purposes of pain and suffering

1 Peter 5:10

“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

Romans 5:3-5

“More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Psalms 34:19

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.”

3) The reality of Romans chapter eight

Romans 8:28

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

Conclusion: Loving God and loving people

Romans 12:9

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.”

Prayer - Psalm 119:17