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**In God's Family,
You Gain New Perspective
on Suffering**

Romans 8:18

Notes:

Points of Suffering in Life

Divorce	Infertility
Disease	Grief
Death	Loneliness
Relocation	Addiction
Pain	Failure
Rejection	Unemployment
Persecution	Prodigals

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Romans 8:18

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Romans 8:1 “No Condemnation Status”

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“God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.” —Augustine

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When you suffer, choose to see suffering in light of what is

_____ **and not what**
is _____.

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2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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“When you and I hurt deeply, what we really need is not an explanation from God, but a revelation of God. We need to see how great God is; we need to recover our lost perspective on life. Things get out of proportion when we are suffering, and it takes a vision of something bigger than ourselves to get life’s dimensions adjusted again.”

—Warren W. Wiersbe

**When you suffer, understand there
is a _____ and it is
“of this present time.”**

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1 Corinthians 2:9-10

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**When you suffer, remember there is
greater _____ in
your pain than your pain.**

“We fail to see the place of suffering in the broader scheme of things. We fail to see that suffering is an inevitable dimension of life. Because we have lost perspective, we fail to see that unless one is willing to accept suffering properly, he or she is really refusing to continue in the quest for maturity. To refuse suffering is to refuse personal growth.” —Henri J.M. Nouwen

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“Our vision is so limited we can hardly imagine a love that does not show itself in protection from suffering... The love of God did not protect His own Son... He will not necessarily protect us—not from anything it takes to make us like His Son... A lot of hammering and chiseling and purifying by fire will have to go into the process.” —Elisabeth Elliot

*Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?*

*Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?*

*Sure I must fight if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord.
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy Word.
—Isaac Watts*

“Pain is real, but for the believer, purpose in pain is a reality.”

**When you suffer, know you are not a
“ _____ in Christ’s
suffering,” but you are, in fact, “a
_____ of His glory.”**

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1 Peter 4:12-13

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1 Peter 5:10-11



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