

Part 3

## Introduction

Share about a time when someone else's faith in suffering encouraged you.

## **Scripture Readings & Discussion**

- 1. God's Grace in the Midst of Suffering
- Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

## Discussion Questions:

- Jason's first words after his injury were: "God's grace will be sufficient." How does this verse relate to his response?
- When have you experienced or seen God's strength made perfect in weakness?
- How can we shift our focus from why suffering happens to how we respond?
- 2. Wrestling with God in Pain
- III Read Job 1:20-21

"At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

## Discussion Questions:

- Job worshiped even in devastation. How do you think he was able to do this?
- Have you ever wrestled with God in a time of suffering? What did that look like for you?
- How can we encourage someone who is struggling to trust God in pain?
- 3. Suffering in Community vs. Suffering Alone
- Read Galatians 6:2

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

### Discussion Questions:

- Jason said: "Suffering alone is pain multiplied. Suffering in community is pain divided." How does this verse support that idea?
- In what ways has the body of Christ supported you in a time of difficulty?
- How can our small group be intentional about carrying each other's burdens?

#### 4. Trusting God's Plan When Life Doesn't Make Sense

### Read Romans 8:28

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

### Discussion Questions:

- How do we balance the truth of this verse with the reality that some things in life feel anything but good?
- Amy said, "God sometimes lets our idols crumble because He loves us too much to let us build our lives on anything but Him." What does that statement mean to you?
- · How can we encourage each other to trust God's plan, even when we don't understand it?

#### 5. The Firm Foundation of Faith

### Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

"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. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

#### Discussion Questions:

- Amy said, "God is realigning our values for eternity." How does this verse reflect that truth?
- What are some ways we can fix our eyes on what is unseen rather than on our present struggles?
- How can we develop a deeper trust in God's eternal plan?

## Closing Reflection & Prayer

- Ask: What is one thing God is showing you through this conversation today?
- Invite each person to write down a personal prayer or reflection on how they will trust God in suffering.
- Close with a time of prayer, inviting group members to pray for one another's burdens.

# **Optional Next Steps**

- Memorize one of the key verses from today's discussion (e.g., 2 Corinthians 12:9).
- Encourage one another this week—send a text, write a note, or meet for coffee with someone in the group.
- Watch the full interview again and journal any new insights.
- Find ways to serve someone in need as a tangible expression of faith in action.