



## BETHEL MENNONITE CHURCH

Message Notes July 21, 2019

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### GOD'S PURPOSES IN SUFFERING

*Various Passages*

James 1:2-4, Romans 8:28-29

I wonder if part of God's purpose for allowing this suffering is:

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ your relationship with God
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ a measure of Christ's sufferings
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ your remaining sin
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's work in you to others
5. To \_\_\_\_\_ your fellowship with other Christians
6. To \_\_\_\_\_ you for wiser, more compassionate ministry
7. To \_\_\_\_\_ your desire for heaven

### Questions for Reflection:

- What truth did I learn today that I did not fully understand before?
- How can I apply what I learned this morning to my life?
- What specific thing(s) do I need to do as a result of learning this truth?

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### Questions for next week's sermon from Jonah 1:

- Have you actively listened for the voice of God in your life?
- Was there ever a time in your life that you heard the voice of God but refused to do what he called you to?
- There are many reasons for someone to have suffering in their life. Not all are related to disobedience to God. Is there a time when you were disobedient and suffered as a result?
- Is there something God is calling you to right now that you have been running the other way from? How are you intending to rectify that situation?

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(Tear here and place in Prayer Box located in the foyer)

### Confidential Prayer Request:

*Note: This prayer request will not be published.*