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# PAIN AND PROMISE

A Theology of Suffering

LOOKING  
TO  
JESUS



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### SERMON OUTLINE

**Introduction:** the Audience- Hebrews 10:32-39

I. Great Cloud of Witnesses- Hebrews 11 two types of sufferer

1. Some followers of God are rescued from suffering. Vs 29-35
2. Some suffer with no relief. Vs 35-38

We don't get to choose which group we will be in.

2. Looking to Jesus- Hebrews 12:1-4 Living by faith

Jesus' prayers while suffering

1. "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."
2. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
3. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
4. "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"

**Conclusion:** "It is Finished."

### SERMON NOTES

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We will all suffer in this fallen broken world. Some of us experience miraculous rescue. Sometimes God takes away the pain, heals broken bodies, mends damaged relationships, and blesses with good things to meet material needs. Others may not experience a miracle or be healed in this life, and may struggle when prayer seems unanswered or is answered in ways we don't like. We don't get to choose which group we are in.

We do get to choose if we will live by faith and look to Jesus.

We get to choose if we will follow Jesus by crying out to God in the midst of our suffering.

We can pray like Jesus

*Father take this cup, but not my will but yours be done.*

Begging God for relief, but submitting to His will if it does not come.

*Father forgive them for they know not what they do.*

We can also ask Jesus to give us the power to forgive.

*My God, My God, why have you forsaken me.*

Honestly crying out to God in our pain, not hiding behind a mask of false piety.

*Into your hands I commit my spirit.*

Trusting the finished work of Christ has satisfied the Father's wrath and paid the penalty for our sin. Believing that just as God brought an end to Jesus' suffering and raised Him from the dead, one day He will bring an end to our suffering and raise us to eternal life.

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