

## **“God’s Purpose in Pain”**

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

1. Real Christians \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- We suffer as victims of the sins of others.
- We are suffering for righteousness.

“Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” *2 Timothy 3:12 (NASB)*

2. God promises to be \_\_\_\_\_ in our pain.

“For no one is abandoned by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he also shows compassion because of the greatness of his unfailing love. For he does not enjoy hurting people or causing them sorrow.” *Lamentations 3:31-33 (NLT2)*

3. Turn your \_\_\_\_\_ into your \_\_\_\_\_.