



Message Outline
June 27-28, 2026
Pastor Kirk Gambrell

**The Reason for
Suffering**

Genesis 50:20

Genesis 50:20 NASB 1995-- ²⁰ *As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.*

What is the main lesson we learn about suffering from the Joseph narrative?

What is the main lesson we learn about suffering from God's response to Job?

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 NASB 1995-- ⁷ *Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!*
⁸ *Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.* ⁹ *And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast*

about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ *Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*

What does Paul learn about the reason for his thorn in the flesh?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What does Paul's experience teach us about suffering?

We understand suffering more when we _____ for our life above our pursuit of _____.

If we love _____ more than _____ then we will never lose what we love most, even in death.

Don't just pray "God, help me _____", but also "God, what can I _____?"