

D.R.I.F.T.
Staying Anchored to Christ
Week 5: Trials

Questions for this week:

1. If someone asked you why a loving God allows bad things to happen, how would you answer?
2. Have you ever gone through a trial that rocked your faith? If so, did it end up bringing you closer to God or farther from Him?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-9. If you had to choose the verse that speaks to you the most right now in your life, which would you choose? Why?
4. Look at v.8. Have you ever felt the way Paul describes in this verse? If so, when?
5. Read v.9. Have you ever gone through an experience where you had to totally rely on God? In what way did you feel His presence and/or power?
6. Look at Romans 5:3-4. How has your character been developed by the trials you have endured? Do you think your suffering has made you more bitter or hopeful? Why?
7. Jon mentioned that we can cry out to God when we are suffering—that He wants us to be honest with Him. Do you feel like you are able to do that? Why/Why not?
8. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 shows us one benefit that can happen from our suffering. Have you ever experienced this? How do you think God could use you to comfort others?
9. Is there a trial you are experiencing right now where you need God's power? How can the group pray for you?
10. **(Bonus)** Is there something you are doing or giving up for Lent in preparation of Good Friday and Easter? How can your sacrifice (or commitment) over the next 6 weeks help you draw near to God ?