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**The Pain of Loss**  
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**1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a part of life.**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you.

**1 Peter 4:12**

**Three types of Suffering**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ Suffering.**

These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

**John 16:33**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ Suffering.**

You will suffer... and bear the consequences of your sins of idolatry. Then you will know that I am the Sovereign LORD.

**Ezekiel 23:49**

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ Suffering.**

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

**2 Timothy 3:12**

**2. Suffering can draw us \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.**

But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.

**1 Peter 4:13**

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

**1 Peter 4:14,16**

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death.

**Philippians 3:10**

**3. Suffering can seal our \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.**

Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

**1 Peter 4:19**

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. **James 1:2-4**

**Prayer Ideas**

- Ask God to help you focus on Him in the midst of suffering.
- Pray Philippians 3:10 and make it your own:

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. **Philippians 3:10**

**Reflection**

- Meditate on the suffering of Christ. Think about what He endured and why.

**Taking Action**

- Read Matthew 27:24-55.
- Is there someone you know who is suffering that you can help draw close to Christ?