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## God uses trespasses to teach us to f\_\_\_\_\_.

*Matt. 6:12 "...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us."*

*Mat. 27:39-44 The people passing by shook their heads and hurled insults at Jesus... the elders made fun of Him...Even the bandits who had been crucified with Him insulted him in the same way. Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people, because they don't know what they are doing."*

*1 Pet. 2:23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.*

- Remember, God has forgiven me for far m\_\_\_\_\_!

*Eph. 4:32 Forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.*

- Remember, God is telling His s\_\_\_\_\_ through me.

*Genesis 50:20 "You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people...."*

"Faith in God offers no assurance against tragedy, but in every case, suffering offers an opportunity for us to display God's work." – Phillip Yancey

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## Created to Become Like Christ

### Purpose #3

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*Philippians 2:14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing,<sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." **Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky**<sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.<sup>17</sup> But **even if** I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, **I am glad** and **rejoice with all of you**.<sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.*

Purpose #1 We live for God's pleasure.

Purpose #2: We're called to love God's family.

Purpose #3: My third purpose in life: become like C\_\_\_\_\_.

*Ephesians 4:15 God wants us to grow up...like Christ in everything.*

*Prov. 13:20 He who walks with wise men becomes wise, but the companion of fools becomes a fool.*

*Romans 8:28 In all things God works for the good for those who love Him, who have been called according to His purposes.*

*Psalms 119:71 The suffering you sent was good for me for it taught me to pay attention to your principles.*

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## God uses trouble to teach us to t\_\_\_\_\_ Him

*Romans 5:3-4 ...trouble produces patience, and patience produces character, and character produces hope.*

- Every problem has a p\_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 14:32 They came to a garden called Gethsemane and Jesus said to His disciples, "sit here while I pray."*

*Mark 14:34 "The worry in My heart is so great that it almost crushes Me."*

■ *Mark 14:36 "Father, everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet, I want Your will, not Mine!"*

- Remember the r\_\_\_\_\_.

■ *2 Cor. 4:17 Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*

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## He uses our temptations to teach us to o\_\_\_\_\_ Him

*Matt. 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.*

- It is not a sin to be tempted.

- Everyone is tempted in the s\_\_\_\_\_ way.

■ *1 Cor. 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

*Matt. 4:10 Jesus said, "Get out of here, Satan. The scriptures say, 'worship only the Lord God. Obey only Him.'"*

- Re-focus on thoughts on what is noble.

■ *2 Cor. 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

■ *Phil. 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

- Get a spiritual partner.

*Eccl. 4:9-10 You're better off to have a friend than to be all alone...If you fall, your friend can help you up.*

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