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Walk through your trial - Suffering
1 Peter 2:19-25

There is BAD NEWS - suffering happens; and there is GOOD NEWS - You can step up to the suffering and you can walk through it.

1. Name some of the areas of life where you, or others, are suffering? How can we best process this?
2. How do you link suffering and the fact that we live in a fallen world?
3. Consider the three types of sin that we see all around us - my sin; the sin of others; Satan's sin.
4. True or false - Although Satan is defeated, he still wants to bring us all down?
5. Do you blame God for human suffering? Why? Why not?
6. Refer to 1 Peter 2 : 19 - 20. Try to unravel, or explain, this mystery?
7. Refer to Mark 8 : 34. How is taking up your cross and suffering linked?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 4 : 7 - 11. What is the Apostle Paul saying here?
9. Consider C S Lewis' statement : "Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world". Does that make sense to you?
10. The example of supreme suffering is that of Christ as expressed in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross. Refer Luke 22 : 42 and Mark 15 : 34. But consider that Christ suffered without just cause !!

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say:
It is well, it is well with my soul!

