

NO PAIN, NO GAIN

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Romans 5:1-5, James 1:2-4

Joe's story...

Towards a biblical perspective of pain and suffering...

1. Suffering is _____
(Romans 5:3, Acts 14:22, John 16:33)

2. Suffering takes many _____ (Romans 5:3, James 1:2)

3. God _____ (Romans 5:3-4)

Stepping back to see the bigger picture.

- God wants to _____ u

- The ultimate blessing is _____
(John 17:3)

- We tend to mistake _____ blessings for the
_____ blessing

- Suffering helps to strip away the _____

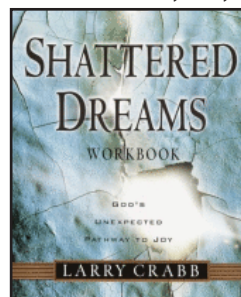
4. Misplaced focus in suffering

- Trying to fully _____ God's purposes
(Isaiah 55:8-9)

- Trying to _____ or _____ pain
and struggle

Additional Resources:

Shattered Dreams by Larry Crabb



The Problem of Pain by C.S. Lewis

