

## MESSAGE NOTES

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Why would this be a reasonable conclusion?

- *Leviticus 26:14-23 <sup>14</sup> "But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, <sup>15</sup> and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, <sup>16</sup> then I will do this to you: I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life."*

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Why can we trace suffering back to the Garden of Eden?

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What must we realize God has every right to do?

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#### 3. Suffering reminds us how much \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Matthew 20:31 Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"*
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- *Job 7:6 "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and they come to an end without hope."*
- *Job 19:25-27 "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. I myself will see him with my own eyes – I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"*
- *Romans 8:28 We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

#### 5. Suffering gives an opportunity \_\_\_\_\_.

- *1 Peter 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

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