



Walking with God through Pain and Suffering – SF 102

Contemporary Westerners are living in a time where many kinds of suffering have been alleviated. Many diseases can be avoided through vaccinations, and new technology promises more medical advancements in health and longevity. Safety devices, procedures, and laws attempt to keep physical pain to a minimum.

No matter the advancements, pain and suffering will always be with humanity as long as we live in this fallen world. In the past, because of fundamentally different views of the world and the role of suffering in our lives, people were able to process and proceed through suffering with a greater success rate than today.

The fundamental difference is that contemporary Westerners have created a false god whose primary goal is to make them happy and comfortable. When those things are stolen away by suffering, many people are left with little else to live for.

By examining the biblical revelation of God's will and purpose for humanity, we gain a greater understanding of why suffering even exists, but also how it can actually be beneficial in our lives. Suffering is not something anyone can avoid, so we need to be equipped to face it with the resilience and resolve that gives us strength rather than leaves us empty and completely broken.

(Summary by AccelerateBooks.com)

We will learn to:

- ✓ Recognize the varieties of suffering
- ✓ Recognize distinctions in temperament between yourself and other sufferers
- ✓ Embrace weeping
- ✓ Trust God's wisdom and love
- ✓ Pray
- ✓ Be disciplined in our thinking
- ✓ Be willing to do some self-examining
- ✓ Reorder our loves
- ✓ Not shirk community
- ✓ Receive grace and forgiveness from God, give grace and forgiveness to others

This course will be an informal discussion based on Tim Keller's book, "Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering" and hosted by Lily Telloyan featuring Pastors Don and Tim and other special guests.

Facilitators: Pastors Don Denyes, Tim Van Loh, and Lily Telloyan
Room: Chapel | Cost: \$12 (Book Cost)