

## LIVING IN A BROKEN WORLD

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### INTRODUCTION:

A. How did life get broken? It is the result of human freedom.

***Then the Lord God said, "Behold you have become like one of us in knowing good and evil." ...therefore the Lord God sent them (Adam and Eve) out from the garden of Eden....*** – Genesis 3:22-23

B. We should not be surprised by suffering and tragedy.

***Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*** – I Peter 4:12

C. How do we respond and how should we respond?

***But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.*** – I Peter 4:13

D. It takes a "hope" perspective.

***"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*** – John 16:33

### I. THE REALITIES OF PERSECUTION

A. It can be a sign that we are doing something right.

***You should know this...there will be very difficult times. For people will be lovers of self... puffed up with pride and love pleasure rather than God.*** – 2 Timothy 3:1,4

***But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.*** – 2 Timothy 3:13a

• It is consistent with what we have read and been taught.

***But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.*** – 2 Timothy 3:14-15

B. We must remember nothing painful in our life is ever wasted.

• Joseph's positives and negatives (Genesis 37:1-50:26)

***"As for you, you meant it for evil against me, but God meant it for good."***  
– Genesis 50:20

C. We need to mourn and lament.

***I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.*** – Lamentations 3:19-22

• God understands our grief and loss.

***You (God) keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.*** – Psalm 56:8

D. And when we look with "enlarged hearts" we come along others who are in pain.

***Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted....*** – Ephesians 4:32

### CONCLUSION: