

# LORD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ROMANS 8:28-30, JAMES 1:2-4, 1 PETER 4:1-2

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.

-Jim Elliot

## I. Trials and Faith

- Elizabeth Elliot
- Disciples in the storm (Matt 8:23-27)
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## II. God's Good Goal

- Complete, lacking in nothing (James 1:2-4)

- Genuine faith (1 Peter 1:6-9)
- What we signed up for (1 Peter 4:1-2)
- Conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:28-30)
- God's personal workout plan (Ephesians 2:8-10)

### III. **Plan of Action: Unpacking our trials** (Hebrews 5:14)

- Come to God and put your trust in Him
- See God for who He is in your situation
- Set a plan to live by faith (2 Peter 1:3-11)

## **Getting to Know You:**

1. What was the biggest step of faith you have taken in your life so far?

## **Into the Bible:**

2. Suffering can lead us to wonder where God went all of a sudden. What is God's actual response to our suffering? (Hebrews 4:15-16, Psalm 34:17-18, Isaiah 43:2)

### **Application:**

3. God often uses suffering in our lives to increase our faith and dependence on Him. despite this we sometimes view such suffering to be just patiently endured, but God gives us good reasons to do so. Read and discuss the reasons given in Romans 5:3-5, Philippians 1:6, II Corinthians 12:7-10.

### **For Families:**

4. Talk with your children about how to talk to God when we hurt.