Trusting God's Purpose in Our Pain

1 Corinthians 1:8-9

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- 2. God uses suffering to draw us closer to Him.

Job 42:5

"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee."

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- 2. God uses suffering to draw us closer to Him.
- 3. God uses suffering to refine and correct us.

Isaiah 48:10

"Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction."

Psalm 119:67

"Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word."

4. God uses suffering to produce growth and maturity.

Romans 5:3-4

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:"

- 4. God uses suffering to produce growth and maturity.
- 5. God uses suffering to equip us to comfort others.
- 6. God uses suffering to make us more like Jesus.