

Suffering Is Never for Nothing

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Chapter 5: Offering

Discussion Questions

1. Elisabeth gave the example of her nephew, the concert violinist, as someone who uses his gift for the good of the world (p. 75). Who is someone you know that blesses you or others? Share how you see God using that person's gifts.
 2. Has there been anything difficult in your life that you've seen God use for the good of others and for His glory? If you're able to, tell the group about it.
 3. Are tempted to envy others' gifts? Discuss this—and practical ways you can celebrate the gifts of others in your church, family, or community.
 4. This chapter spends a good amount of time talking about how we all experience, whether married or single (pp. 83–84). Share about your experience of loneliness, whether past or present, and any insights you've learned about offering that loneliness to God.
 5. "If my life is broken when given to Jesus, it may be because pieces will feed a multitude when a loaf would satisfy only a little boy" (p. 85). Share some of the "pieces" of your life that you can offer to Jesus, how you think He could "feed" others with them, and any inadequacy or fears you're experiencing related to this.
 6. "Who are the people who have most profoundly influenced your life?" (p. 87). How did God use their experiences to impact you?
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