

Suffering Is Never for Nothing

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Chapter 6: Transfiguration

Discussion Questions

1. Tell about a time that you saw something transfigured (made glorious). Explain what difficulties were required to get to the end result.
2. “If your faith rests on the character of Him who is the eternal I AM, then [it] is rugged and will endure” (p. 93). Which of God’s attributes means the most to you and why? How does it give you hope in suffering?
3. “[V]ery often my prayers are really asking for stones. And what God wants to give me is bread, something that will not only feed myself but feed the world as well” (p. 95). When have you asked for something and seen God answer your prayers differently, but better? Discuss: How can we rightly ask the Lord for things that may not be His best for us?
4. What suffering “makes you long for that better country” (p. 99)? What glory are you looking forward to experiencing or seeing in eternity?
5. Throughout this chapter, Elisabeth pointed us to examples in Scripture of people who suffered and saw glory come out of it. Who in Scripture or outside of Scripture do you see as an example of enduring through suffering? How were they able to persevere?
6. What is your #1 takeaway from this book? How has it made a difference for you?