

Today's Theme

# “Students Of Pain & Difficulty”

Series Title:

## “Staying Encouraged”

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### How God Can Use Pain In Life

P&D = Pain & Difficulty

#### 1. He Can Use P&D To \_\_\_\_\_ Us.

(1) P&D moves us to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

(2) P&D \_\_\_\_\_ us to do things.

Luke 15:15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

(3) P&D can force us to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:17 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

#### 2. He Can Use P&D To \_\_\_\_\_ Us.

(1) P&D can be teaching \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 119:71 It was good for me to be afflicted 72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

(2) P&D causes us to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 12:7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

#### 3. He Can Use P&D To \_\_\_\_\_ Ourselves.

(1) P&D shows what we are on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Isaiah 48:10 See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.

(2) P&D tests our character \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Deut 8:2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

#### 4. He Can Use P&D To \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Us.

(1) P&D often \_\_\_\_\_ us from something worse.

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

(2) P&D causes me to give \_\_\_\_\_ to right things.

Proverbs 2:8 for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

#### 5. He Can Use P&D To \_\_\_\_\_ Us \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) We grow more in \_\_\_\_\_’s than \_\_\_\_\_ tops.

James 1:4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

(2) Painful things often end up \_\_\_\_\_ growth.

2 Cor 1:9 Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

(3) Pain is often the \_\_\_\_\_ of growth.

1 Peter 4:19 So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.