

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: GOD is here.

Week 4: "That"

Our hearts default to thinking too little of GOD

Why do we have joy, even when our pain covers and clings to us? Psalm 13
Because we trust in His unfailing love. Though our bodies and friends and families fail, GOD's love never does.

If today's goal is to think more of GOD, what do you do when life is more painful than pleasurable?

How do seasons like these fit into all this talk of joy and peace and satisfaction with GOD?

According to Paul pain is one of the most powerful tools to make you think much more of GOD. ROMANS 8:18-25

Paul says our sufferings are so small by comparison to GOD's glory that it's "not worth comparing" them.

If all the suffering we've endured doesn't even register on the scale compared to GOD, how wondrous must GOD be?

Christianity is not about ignoring pain. Rather, in the pain, it looks to GOD and insists, "You must be so good, because this hurts so bad."

GOD leverages your pain to draw you into His presence and love.

No one wants to suffer in this life. But when suffering comes please don't waste it. Leverage the hard days to get back to GOD, to exalt His name, and to lean on the One who can provide the joy you need to suffer well.

GOD uses the struggles and inconveniences of life to force us to keep searching for something more stable, something where we can actually find peace.