

Sermon Notes – January 12, 2025

There is Purpose in Suffering (*2 Corinthians 1:4*)

- I. The Purpose of Suffering.
 - A. To EXPERIENCE the Love of God.
 - 1. The sympathy of Christ. (*Hebrews 4:14-16*)
 - 2. The empathy of Christ. (*John 11:35*)
 - 3. The character of Christ. (*John 1:14*)
 - B. To KNOW the Love of God.
 - 1. Head knowledge becomes heart knowledge. (*Job 42:1-6*)
 - 2. Heart knowledge becomes mature living. (*Ephesians 4:11-16*)
 - 3. Mature living becomes true discipleship. (*Acts 2:42*)
 - C. To SHARE the love of God.
 - 1. The ability to be godly. (Be holy...)
 - 2. The ability to have authority. (*Genesis 50:20*)
 - 3. The ability to connect with the hurting.
 - a. Sympathy of Christ.
 - b. Empathy of Christ.
 - c. Character of Christ.