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TELL YOUR STORY – PART 4: PAIN

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What is the_____of God? *Psalm 86:15; Lamentations 3:32; Luke 7:13*

- *"Not that I am in much danger of ceasing to believe in God. The real danger is of coming to believe such dreadful things about Him. The conclusion I dread is not "So there's no God after all," but "So this is what God's really like. Deceive yourself no longer."*
  C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*
- God is the Father of compassion (*guts*) and _____(Two Latin words: "with strength").

_____**comforts others.** *2 Corinthians 1:4–7*

- Our misery becomes our _____.

The pain of life is_____we can handle.
Habakkuk 3:17–18; John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 1:8–10

- *"Feelings, and feelings, and feelings. Let me try thinking instead. From the rational point of view, what new factor has (my wife's) death introduced into the problem of the universe? What grounds has it given me for doubting all that I believe? I knew already that these things, and worse, happened daily. I would have said that I had taken them into account. I had been warned—I had warned myself—not to reckon on worldly happiness. We were even promised sufferings. They were part of the programme. We were even told, "Blessed are they that mourn," and I accepted it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not in imagination."*
  C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

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