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Week Two – Spiraling Up

Pain is Never Pointless

If you're abused because of Christ, count yourself fortunate. It's the Spirit of God and his glory in you that brought you to the notice of others. If they're on you because you broke the law or disturbed the peace, that's a different matter. But if it's because you're a Christian, don't give it a second thought. Be proud of the distinguished status reflected in that name!
1 Peter 4:14-16 MSG

THREE BLESSINGS WHEN WE SPIRAL UP

1. **GOD'S _____ IS CLOSE BY.**

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Psalms 34:18 NIV

2. **GOD _____ YOUR CHARACTER.**

God is more interested in your character, than your comfort.

3. **GOD IS GETTING _____ READY TO DO**

SOMETHING THROUGH _____!

Spiraling Up Discussion Questions

"But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed."
1 Peter 4:13 NIV

1. Has there been a point in your life, we you felt like you were spiraling? What were the circumstances? How did you feel?

2. When you think that God uses our suffering to bless us, how does that make you feel?

3. Of the three blessing's that Pastor John spoke about, which one have you experienced?
   What were the circumstances around that?

4. Pastor John repeated "Pain is Never Pointless". Do you believe that? Why or Why Not. Have you ever experienced that? What happened?