



SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

Welcome

- 1) Do you consider yourself a crier? Why or why not?
- 2) When was the last time you caught yourself shedding a tear or two?

Word

Read Psalm 34:17-22

- 1) What comfort does God's people take in these verses?
- 2) What does this passage say God will do?
- 3) Does this passage give us any indication that those who live by faith will be able to avoid all suffering? Why or why not?
- 4) Why do some people believe faith causes Christians to be exempt from all suffering?
- 5) How does faith in God guide us through suffering and hardship?
- 6) What does it look like for pain to be transformed into beauty? When have you seen or experienced this kind of transformation?
- 7) What does it look like for us to transmit our pain? When have you seen or experienced this kind of transmission?
- 8) Do you find that you more easily *transform* your pain or *transmit* your pain?
- 7) How does Jesus transform us and heal us through his wounds? (See 1 Peter 2:24)?

Work

- 1) What needs to change most: your view of God, your view of faith, or your view of suffering?
- 2) What do you need to do now to prepare for your day of suffering?
- 3) How can you be better equipped to help those who are suffering now?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 66 / Mon: 67 / Tue: 68 / Wed: 69 / Thu: 70 / Fri: 71 / Sat: 72
- 2) Pray for those who are currently suffering through some kind of hardship



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They turned their backs
I made it too hard
Every place they touched me
Is a laceration now

Sometimes a wind comes out of nowhere
And knocks you off your feet
And look, see my tears
They fill the whole night sky
The whole night sky

Derailed and desperate
How did I get here?
Hanging from this high wire
By the tatters of my faith

Sometimes a wind comes out of nowhere
And knocks you sideways
And look, see my tears
They fill the whole night sky
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-Bruce Cockburn, "The Whole Night Sky"