

## **Series: Unusual Blessings, # 1**

### **Blessed Suffering**

#### **2 Corinthians 1**

Accepting Biblical truth implies rejecting erroneous teaching; so we have to call out the false teaching that declares > “God will never let you suffer, or go through tribulations.” Read: John 15:18-25, John 16:33, James 1:2-12

To concede that walking with Jesus does not help us avoid troubles is one thing; it is quite another to view tribulations as blessings. Think about the struggles in your life and on the reverse side, write a prayer of thanks to God. 1 Thess. 5:18

Chapter 7 in the BLESS book helps us unfold our personal story, as we have opportunity to share with those we are praying for. The first of the three parts on p. 127 is ‘My life before Jesus’. Maybe it has never occurred to you that others will be blessed if you share some pain in your life; our story does not have to be all joy and victory, we are human. Try this angle as you develop your story:

What was a point of pain in my past?

What was it doing to me?

How did God intervene?

What difference did that make?

Remember, you don’t need to go deep into details, an outline like this can be cited in under two minutes.

Application questions:

1) How do I view God blessing my life through suffering?

2) How do I believe God will use my suffering to bless others?