

To repeat: God is working good in our lives in order to make us good. And some of the things He uses to achieve His purpose in our lives involve suffering.

Now although it is important to know and understand these truths, it is even more important to become captive to them and to have our thoughts and our feelings molded by them. It is vital that these truths become part of us before we experience severe suffering, so that they will influence our responses during such suffering. And it is important to look beyond the suffering, to the uses God makes of suffering in our lives.