

## Experiences

### A. The most important truth to realize about our experiences:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of our life experiences . . .

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28*

2. Can be \_\_\_\_\_ by God . . .

*“Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.” Philippians 1:12*

3. If we \_\_\_\_\_ them to Him.

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.” II Corinthians 1:3-5*

4. God never wastes our life experiences!

### B. What kind of experiences might God use to shape us for ministry?

1. Spiritual experiences

2. Education and job experiences

3. Ministry experiences

4. Painful experiences