

One: Break | Equip

Grace breaks us with affliction in order to equip us with comfort and compassion

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

- Grace
 - Unmerited favor, undeserved kindness, unearned blessing.
 - **God Riches At Christ Expense**

Questions and discussion topics

- We know from studying the life of David, he understood suffering, What stories of suffering do you remember from David's life? (Psalms 139:1-18, 23-24)
- As special-needs parents we can feel scared. We don't know why we are going through hard times, or when it will end or what will happen next, we don't want to get the bills in the mail, we don't want to answer the phone when the doctor calls.
- "We don't really have a fear problem, we have a faith problem, we've lost confidence that our heavenly Father will take care of us, even those of us who have trusted our heavenly Father with our eternities often have a tough time trusting Him with our tomorrows."
- Can you recall a time you were scared? How did God calm your fears?
- Was there a tough circumstance in your life that God had helped you go through that became an instrument to comfort others?