

## 7/7/19 | Living Hope: Pain



*"As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God."* —1 Peter 4:1 | NIV

1. What pain are you currently experiencing?
2. What pain have you experienced in the past?
3. Looking back, what did God teach you through it? Did you gain a new perspective, a new attitude, or a new purpose? Explain.
4. What makes your current pain different from or similar to your past pains?
5. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? Explain.

### **Growing Pains**

6. Consider the list of sufferings of Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:21-33. Which do you think was the most painful? Why?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 12:5-10. How does Paul treat his weaknesses? What was his purpose?
8. What should our response to our weaknesses be?
9. Read 2 Timothy 4:10-18. What troubles did Paul experience from his companions?

10. What did Paul learn from these betrayals? What was his perspective?
  
11. Read Philippians 4:12. What did Paul's troubles teach him? What was his attitude?
  
12. What can we learn from Paul about growing while in pain?
  
13. This week, how will you choose to grow in your pain: through a new perspective, a new attitude, or a new purpose?

**TAKEAWAY:** Pain hurts. God is at work. We can learn.