

# GETTING UP OFF THE CANVAS

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## HOW WE GET CRACKS & WHY GOD USES PAIN

### I. God permits you to be C\_\_\_\_\_ but not C\_\_\_\_\_

*'But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.'* 2 Cor. 4:7-8

#### FOUR PERSONAL SOURCES OF PAIN

- You can be cracked by personal p\_\_\_\_\_ "pressed" → confined on every side
- You can cracked by personal f\_\_\_\_\_ (Job 13:15) "perplexed" → someone ruined in business
- You can be cracked by personal a\_\_\_\_\_ "persecuted" → hunters tracking an animal
- You can be cracked by personal f\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 7) "struck down" → pinned by your opponent

### II. God has a P\_\_\_\_\_ in your pain

- Pain f\_\_\_\_\_ you to rely on God alone  
2 Corinthians 1:8,9    Jonah 2:1

POTD = Point of T\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_

- Pain f\_\_\_\_\_ your attention on heaven  
2 Corinthians 4:17,18

- Pain f\_\_\_\_\_ you to be more like Jesus  
Philippians 3:10

*"There is no way Christ-like character can be formed in man without suffering. If he refuses to allow his 'self' to go to the cross he will remain hard, self-centered, unbroken, and therefore unChrist-like. Whole unbroken men are of little use to God. Resentment and rebellion to suffering only waste one's sorrows whereas humble acceptance and brokenness allows the creation of an 'eternal weight of glory.'"*

