

### Reasons for Allowing Suffering

1) Evangelism	<i>Revelations 22:17; Luke 13:4-5</i>	"Let the thirsty come and drink"
2) Discipline	<i>James 1:2-4; Hebrews 12:11</i>	"Suffering produces character"
3) Dependency	<i>2 Corinthians 1:8-9; 12:8-9</i>	"That I might rely on him."
4) Punishment	<i>Leviticus 5:17; Romans 1:27</i>	"The penalty they deserved"
5) Validation	<i>1 Peter 1:6-7; Job 1:9-12</i>	"To prove genuineness of faith"
6) Appreciation	<i>Philippians 3:10; 1 Peter 4:13</i>	"Sharing in his sufferings"
7) Glorification	<i>John 9:1-3; John 11:1-4</i>	"That his glory may be displayed"
8) Commiseration	<i>2 Corinthians 1:4; Hebrews 4:15</i>	"Comfort with comfort received"