

First Baptist Church



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*Our Good
Latter
Prayer's Chiding
Holy Service
Gene Mashek*

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9:30 a.m.—**Primary Day Camp.**

9:30 a.m.—**Senior Adults** at Sherman Park.

7:30 p.m.—**Board of Christian Education.**

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12:00 noon—**Philathea Picnic** in Youth Room.

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Is There Meaning In Suffering?

Introduction

① All of us come to know suffering in some intimate way.

- Senior High without friends or a broken heart.
- The separation of death.
- The anxiety over backyard children.

② Some of the situations

- The couple who lost their small baby after mortgaging the farm.
- The little boy who was electrocuted by a vacuum cleaner.
- The skeptic who lost his brother in the service.
- Mr. Mac and his loneliness after his wife passed away.
- The wife with the alcoholic husband.

- "There is enough suffering on a back street in London to refute belief in God."
- "Suffering is the rock on which every ship of Philosophy is smashed" - Whitehead.

③ Not All Suffering is At the Same Level

① Outer Physical Tragedy

- Blindness or Lost Limbs
- Natural Calamity - Tornado or Storm.

② The Unexplainable Calamity.

- The birth of a moron.

③ Suffering Caused By The Sin of Others

- The after math of war.
- Drunkenness on the highways.

④ The Awfulness of Inner Anguish

- Loneliness, Guilt or Anxieties.

⑤ High Redemptive Involvement.

- "He aint heaven. He's my brother"

Position. Creative Answers to Suffering

① This is A Precarious Universe.

- Never any final security or safety.
- The Mac Lean family in Washington.
- Universe of accidents, disease and sin.
- God plays no favorites in this universe.

② God is trying to your souls, Not weaklings

- This cannot happen on an easy street or among the coddled of the comfortable or without discipline.
- This calls for struggle, for fire, for testing.
- The tree in a hot house and the tree on the side of the mountain.

③ Our Deepest Answer Is Seen In Christ

(1) His coming Into Our World.

- He suffered himself.
 - Working as a Carpenter.
 - Leaving home.
 - Loneliness and Rejection.
- He Entered Into the Sufferings of others.

(2) Finally He Entered The Cross.

- The Agony In The Garden
- The Treachery of the Twelve.
- The Death on the Cross.

"My God, My God Why Have Thou forsaken Me"

(3) His Cross Is Our Answer

- The suffering we have goes beyond this.
- He triumphed. This is what He offers us.

(4) Those Who Have Followed This Train
Have Known This Victory.

- The Apostle Paul.

The Pearl of Great Price

Jesus And Parables

- His One Message "The Kingdom of God at hand"

- Conveyed this by Teachings - Parables

① Simple story that could have happened.

② Always had one simple basic point that cent.

③ Many times this theme came near the end.

The Two Incidents

① Treasure in the field.

- Man Ploughing Hard Ground.

- Came on something hard - treasure

- Sold everything for the treasure.

② The Pearl of Great Price

- Sees the Pearl

- Sells all for it.

The Kingdom of God Is The Most Precious

- ① Like treasure on a beach
- ② New Relationship Between God & Man.
- ③ New Relationship Between Man & Man.
- Like a great beautiful beach.
- ④ Great new possibilities were now opened.
- ⑤ One enters by becoming humble, by unloading.

Everything Else Is Secondary to This.

- ① A small farm or some second-rate beads -
Secondary.

- ② There Are Many Things We Are Involved In
- Our homes, cars and play things.
- Our status
- Our always finding something new.
- ③ The bankruptcy of these things.
- Suicide in Ottawa.

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Life Needs A Great Dynamic Center

① Most of us are pulled off in so many directions.

- This breaks us down.

② We Need One Great Center

- Like a fellow with a jockey -

- Like a fellow in love with a girl.

- Like a Great track champion.

- The Communists printing a pamphlet.

③ Jesus said the Great Creative Center was
the Kingdom of God.

Most of Us Need to Simplify Life ^{Wm. Morrell}
Lindbergh.

- Cut off non-essentials.

- Get off the Merry-go-Round.

- Not worry about Jones's