



## The Current Situation: Truth about Circumstances

Life in the Garden is \_\_\_\_\_.

Life after the Fall is \_\_\_\_\_.

*“No matter what storms you face, you need to know that God loves you. He has not abandoned you.”*  
– Franklin Graham

Paul’s life is being \_\_\_\_\_.

The way we \_\_\_\_\_ to circumstances makes an \_\_\_\_\_ on us and others.

### Truth to Embrace:

We are not in control of our circumstances, but we can \_\_\_\_\_ to our circumstances, and whether or not \_\_\_\_\_ through them.

## Discussion Questions

1. Is there anything from last week's *Planting Truth & Uprooting Lies* section that you would like to share?
2. What stands out to you from lecture or the passage we looked at today?
3. We discussed life in the garden and life after the fall. What stands out to you about the way life was intended to be lived in the garden? How does this help us understand the difficulties of this life?
4. What stands out to you about Paul's description of his life? What stands out about how he responded in this difficult time in his life?
5. What has been your normal response to difficult circumstances?
6. When you think about difficult circumstances, do you view them as something that can bring transformation? Why or why not?
7. How can we be supporting and praying for one another in the things we are going through right now?

## Planting Truth & Uprooting Lies

Read 2 Corinthians 11:24-30. The book of 2 Corinthians was written by Paul to the church in Corinth. The Corinthian church was being influenced by false teachers who questioned Paul's authority and integrity.

Jot down notes on the passage, specifically words or ideas that are repeated in the passage.

Questions to consider:

1. Paul begins with a detailed account of all the hardships he has endured. What parts of his account stand out to you? Are there things he has endured that you can relate to?
2. What does Paul choose to boast in (30)?
3. What does it mean to boast in your weakness? And why would Paul do that?
4. Consider your life and some of the hardships you have endured. Did they bring growth or transformation in your life? How so? Or why not?
5. Consider other people in your life, is there a way you can serve someone else going through difficult circumstances?
6. Are there lies you need to uproot regarding circumstances? What truths do you need to plant to endure or prepare for future difficult circumstances?



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Life in the Garden is beautiful.

Life after the Fall is pain.

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Paul’s life is being poured out.

The way we respond to circumstances makes an impact on us and others.

### Truth to Embrace:

We are not in control of our circumstances, but we can control our response to our circumstances, and whether or not we are transformed through them.