

## Saturday 26 April 2014

1. Would you describe yourself as a patient or impatient person? Can you think of examples from your life where you have had to wait for something?



### Suffering

2. Are there benefits to suffering? If so, why do we not pursue suffering but rather avoid it and assist others to avoid it?
3. Are there some forms of suffering that are simply traumatic and have no redemptive qualities?
4. As Christians, do we have a different perspective of suffering than non-Christians? What perspective do we think non-Christians take on suffering?

### Blessings

5. Are material fortunes a result of God's blessing? Is this doctrine of prosperity gospel offensive to Christians who live in poverty?
6. There are many non-Christians in the world who appear to succeed both financially and in their relationships. How do we reconcile this with God's promises of blessings to those faithful to him?
7. If we took away our Christianity, how different would our lives look on a day-to-day basis?

### God's Promises

8. Does disobedience delay God's promises?
9. Are there times in the Bible where God's promises are delayed because of the disobedience of the promisee?
10. Are there times in the Bible, or our lives, where a misunderstanding of God's promises, or the way in which He fulfils those promises, has led to a perception that God has delayed or faltered?
11. What helps when we find ourselves questioning God's promises?