

Hearing the Voice of God - Part 3: Pain

James 1:2-4

God uses pain to _____ our lives.

“Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

- C.S. Lewis

1. Pain in life is _____.
James 1:2—“My brethren, count it all joy WHEN...”

2. There is _____ in pain.
James 1:3—“knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience”

What purpose can be communicated to us in pain?

1) Pain helps us to _____ with people

2) Pain brings _____!

- It protects us—pain of a sprained ankle keeps you from walking on it, injuring it more.
- It tells us what not to do again. Sometimes God uses pain to get us to stop doing harmful, sinful, negative things

3) Yesterday's pain is tomorrow's _____.

3. The end result of pain is spiritual _____ / _____
James 1:4—“But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

What is God speaking to you about your pain?