

# A Word For Life

## Talk Sheet

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### ***Trials – An Invitation for Good***

#### Introduction:

Trials are not fun. No one likes to go through them. However, when we experience trials, we can grow in our personal lives and our walk with Christ. We can learn things about ourselves and others and become well-rounded and balanced in our daily living, but we must work to have that perspective.

#### **Talk Points:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ plans are much bigger than ours and just because His plan might differ from ours doesn't mean His plan isn't good, or more importantly that He isn't good.
- God takes all the \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of our stories, \_\_\_\_\_ them together, and \_\_\_\_\_ them to draw us closer to Him.
- Have you ever counted your trials as joy? How can you do that in the future?

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#### **Things To Ponder:**

- Trials are an invitation to do good works to glorify our Father in heaven, to transform our lives from the inside out, and to drive us into the arms and footsteps of Jesus.
- Am I going to let my circumstances determine my view of God, or am I going to let God determine how I view my circumstances?
- Our desire is for God to fix broken things, but God's desire for us is to fix our relationship with Him. It is only by recognizing that God doesn't need our help that we truly begin to understand our role...to trust Him.

#### **Apply What You Heard:**

What trials are you experiencing and where is God in those trials?

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#### **Reflect:**

*He has done it to show the riches of his grace for all time to come. His grace can't be compared with anything else. He has shown it by being kind of us. He was kind to us because of what Christ Jesus has done.*

**Ephesians 2:7**