

To the Bruised

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 4.

B. To be bruised means to be broken in pieces. It is worse than being blind.

C. Jesus gives freedom to the bruised.

II. Paul was always trying to help the churches with the problems that they had.

III. Paul suffered greatly for the churches, but he recovered and was able to carry on. (2 Corinthians 11:16)

IV. Paul experienced suffering that he found it difficult to bear. (2 Corinthians 12)

A. He prayed three times, but God did not heal him.

B. His faith was not his problem.

C. He learned that God's grace was sufficient for all that he needed.

D. Pearls are problems covered with God's provision. (Revelation 21)

E. Grace is God's riches at Christ's expense for forgiveness and life.

Application questions:

1. Is suffering a sign of disobedience according to Scripture? Explain.

2. How does Paul teach us to respond to suffering?

3. How have you experienced God's grace in trial? What did you learn?
