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NOTES

Scripture Refs

Gen. 2:17; Gal. 1:10; 6:16; Luke 16:19–31; Ps. 9:8; Jer. 17:10; 1 Cor. 3:1–3
2 Cor. 5; Heb. 6:1; 12:5–7; Jas. 1:15; John 16:33; 17:1–26; 1 Pet. 4:12–13
1 John 1:9; 2:10; 3:14, 16; 5:14–17; Rev. 3:1, 20; 20:11–15

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Reflection & Discussion

1. List several passages in the Bible which encourage God's people to pray for one another.

2. John specifically calls us to pray when we see others committing sin. After praying, how might you approach that brother/sister in order to offer support, correction, and restoration?

3. Where in the Bible are we told that God disciplines us?
    a. Explain how His discipline is actually an extension of His love for us.
    b. How would you answer this (common) challenge: "No way a 'loving' God would bring *death* to His own people just because they offended Him!"

4. *Suffering* may or may not be related to God's discipline. When you suffer, how should you approach Him in order to make that determination?
    a. Consider/discuss how we're to *respond* to these 2 possibilities:
        i. "I'm suffering because I have been practicing sin."
        ii. "I'm suffering, but there is no blatant sin in my life."