

sermon notes

October 22, 2025 | Levi Hartsfield, Messiah Bible Church
The Five Books of Psalms | “(Un)Comfortably Numb” | **Psalm 77:1-20**

a) God is _____ over my suffering.

b) If I am a believer, God is not _____ me, but
_____ me with this suffering.

c) The deepening understanding of _____ is what
causes us to join with Asaph in rejoicing over
_____, and _____
with his people.

d) Don't make _____, your _____. The only
_____ in suffering is _____ Himself.

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Another example of God leading someone through trial into a refuge is Job. God led him through a long excruciating trial and at the end God showed up and revealed himself to Job. This was Job's refuge and joy, even before Job's fortune was restored, Job gives thanks and exclaims that before this work of the Lord, He had only heard about God, but now with awe Job proclaims that he has seen Him more fully. I love this example from Scripture because it brings into focus the reality that refuge is not our refuge, God is our refuge and strength.

GET PERSONAL

Do you see a difference between God's punishment and God's discipline? How do you often view your own suffering? Do you tend to feel judged and punished, or do you feel confident in God dealing with you as a beloved child?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

What are the results of entrusting ourselves to a faithful creator while doing good? How does a knowledge that our sovereign God is at work in every element of life lead to peace and rest? Does it produce confidence, joy and obedience like in Psalm 77:10-20 or does it produce lament, anxiety, and frustration like in Psalm 77:1-9?