

wilson community church



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challenge

Week 5



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Week 4



We will conclude the SHAPeD series by looking at our experiences. We will see how our experiences can be used by God to further His Kingdom.

## Day 1

### 1. Scripture

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

### 2. Reflection

Where does the Bible say that comfort in times of affliction come from?

What is the purpose of God's comfort in our lives?

Where is a place in your life that God has comforted you, that you may now use that experience to minister to others?

### 3. Prayer

Pray that God would reveal to you how He has healed you and how you may use that experience to minister to others.

## Day 2

### 1. Scripture

Read 1 Kings 12:6-7

### 2. Reflection

Why do you think King Rehoboam consulted with his father's advisors?  
What did they have that he was lacking?

These advisors were in the presence of King Solomon on a regular basis.  
What kind of experience do you think that gave them? Have you ever  
spent time with someone older and wiser? How did it affect you?

What do you think of the advisors advice? Would you like to work for a  
boss, or have a politician like this? Do you think their experiences with  
Solomon influenced their answer?

### 3. Prayer

Pray that God would help you to gain wisdom by the experiences He has  
allowed in your life.

## Day 3

### 1. Scripture

Read Proverbs 4:1-4

### 2. Reflection

Who is receiving instruction in this proverb and from whom is he receiving it? Who have you received instruction from?

This verse tells us to be attentive learners. Have you received instruction in the past that you did not pay attention to and then later regretted it?

What is the effect of "keeping my commandments"? How can learning from our experiences help us to live the way God desires?

### 3. Prayer

Pray that God would help you to learn from the instruction you have received in life.

## Day 4

### 1. Scripture

Read Romans 5:3-5

### 2. Reflection

Sometimes our experiences beat us down and leave us feeling hopeless. What does this verse say is the effect of suffering in our lives?

Have you ever been afraid to hope? How have your experiences affected your hope? Is hope foolish?

What has been the effect of God's love being poured into your heart?

### 3. Prayer

Pray that God would help you to see the negative experiences in your life as opportunities to minister to others.

## Day 5

### 1. Scripture

Read James 1:1-5

### 2. Reflection

How does James counsel us to react to the trials in our lives? How can your experiences help with this or hinder this?

What is the effect of trials in our lives? Have you experienced this? Can you think of a time in your life where you experienced a trial, then later experienced something similar but responded much better?

Praying to God for wisdom from our experiences can be the key to becoming bitter or better. How can you begin to put this into practice in your life?

### 3. Prayer

Pray that God would give you wisdom, and that your experiences would make you better and not bitter.

Day 6

Review what you learned this week.

What experiences have shaped your life?

How can those experiences help you minister in God's kingdom?