

# MENDING FENCES

PROTECTING OUR FAITH & PURSUING THOSE WHO'VE STRAYED



Fear  
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1. Devastating loss and damaging relationships can cause some to \_\_\_\_\_ from their faith.

*Ephesians 4:29-32*

Even though we've been redeemed by God and the process of \_\_\_\_\_ is going on in our lives, we will still injure and hurt one another in Jesus' Church.

*Psalms 22:1; 74:1*



*1 Corinthians 3:3, Titus 2:7-8*

**2. Devastating loss and church hurt are trials that intend to \_\_\_\_\_ faith, not destroy it.**

*James 1:2-4*

A "\_\_\_\_\_" is something that comes from God with the goal of proving faith that is present and maturing it.

While a "\_\_\_\_\_" is something that comes from Satan with the goal of proving the power of one's flesh that would respond to enticement.



*James 1:13-15*

God is able, wanting to use our pain as a means of \_\_\_\_\_, of discipline to draw us closer to Him, knowing that growth and maturity await through channels like trials that can be \_\_\_\_\_ no other way.

*Hebrews 12:11*

3. God wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ the comfort that you've received from Him with others who need it.



*2 Corinthians 1:3-5*

Would you be a person who is committed to share the comfort that you've received from the struggles you've faced in order to be a source of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are suffering and straying?

**Series Resources:**

"In a Pick(le) With Rick"

5th Sunday Conversation next Sunday night,

January 29th at 6pm

Healing Your Church Hurt by Stephen Mansfield

