



### Counterfeit: Pt. 3; Turning Point

Our pain doesn't have to be the end of the story. Pain can become part of our story. It can get our attention, but it doesn't have to destroy our faith. It can even move us closer to God. It's possible to go through the toughest pain possible and come through it trusting God more. Not because God made it go away, but because God used it to stretch us, grow us, and make our faith more real and personal.

**Bottom Line:** God uses our turning points to grow us in relationship with Him.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Think about a movie or a book that had a really good turning point or plot twist. Discuss what made it good.
2. Have you seen someone handle a really tough circumstance in a very positive way? What did that look like?
3. Describe a turning point (good or bad) you've experienced in life?
4. **Read John 11:33-36.** Jesus showed us through this example that it's possible to show deep emotion and still have faith in God. How does this change the way you see being angry, upset, hurt, confused, etc., during challenging times?
5. **Read John 11:20-27.** Every turning point is a good opportunity to ask, "Where is God in this?" Discuss some of the ways God shows up in turning points? (Ex: a good night's sleep, encouragement from a friend, unexpected pay raise at work; etc.)
6. Have you ever seen God show up at a turning point in your life? What happened, and what did it show you about God?
7. A real faith is a growing faith. How would you face tough times differently if you believed that God could use them to grow your faith?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?