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• God’s careful and loving afflictions should be seen as His grace, not leaving us to ourselves, but, being the loving God that He is, He intervenes in our lives to bring about just the right circumstances that would keep us from ourselves.
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- God wants us to come to the place where we begin to see the reality that all of life – from our very breath that we breathe to our greatest accomplishments – all find their source and sustenance in Christ.
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- Paul was willing to suffer if that’s what Christ demanded of him, so that Christ’s power would rest upon him.
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