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2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)

Life Lessons

⇒ I Am Not Supposed To Go Through Pain

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“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’”

Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

What Can I Do?

- _____ **To Help.**
- _____ **To Help Me.**

⇒ Don’t Assume I Am Going to _____ My Pain.

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- _____ **the Bible.**
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