



Life As It Was Meant to Be
Part 9: Dealing with Life's Difficulties
Louie Marsh, 8-8-2021

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4) _____ on God's Purpose for you!

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6) _____ to bring justice at the right time.

"⁶since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you,... ⁹They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed." (2 Thessalonians 1:6, 9–10, ESV)

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