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Sunday, July 17, 2016

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Problem: _____ - Romans 9:20-21

Problem: _____ - Isaiah 55:8-9

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Your **beliefs** will determine your **perspective** - Proverbs 4:23

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1. God needs to **make sense to me**

Problem: God is infinite and we are finite - Romans 9:20-21

Problem: God doesn’t think the way we think - Isaiah 55:8-9

2. God needs to **make me happy**

Problem: God’s desire is to make us more like Him - Ephesians 4:24

Problem: God said we will experience hardship - John 16:33

Two beliefs that will sustain us during pain and suffering:

1. God **loves us** - Hebrews 9:12

2. God **gives purpose to our pain** - James 1:3-4