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- 1. There is conflict in Christianity and the church, both in and through sacred and spiritual sources.
- 2. We need to have a mindset that focuses on the big picture and the real picture 4:8
- 3. We will suffer :29, I Tim.6:12-16; 2 Tim. 3:12, 4:7ff (See Acts for Paul's suffering and II Cor. 1:8, 4:7-9, 11:23 for a list of trials)
- 4. We need to encourage others in the midst of the Christian life like Paul