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AN END TO A BEAR CUB'S SUFFERING

Sometime in early 2022, a bear cub in the Appalachian region of Tennessee was hit by a vehicle but survived its injuries. However, late last month, officers with the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Association found the cub greatly underweight and struggling with months-old injuries. They contacted Appalachian Bear Rescue (ABR) personnel, who rushed the yearling to the University of Tennessee College of Veterinarian Medicine. However, the wounds were too severe, and the vets made the painful decision to end the cub's suffering. "This bear was one of ours," said an ABR spokesperson, who also commented that they'd named the cub Caledon Bear, which means *tough*.

AN END TO OUR SUFFERING

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, the consequences reached beyond humankind and extended to Creation itself. We still groan under sin and illness and broken relationships. The world of nature groans too, suffering under decay and fear. But because of Jesus' incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension, all of this suffering will one day come to a positive end—not only for those who follow Christ but also for the universe He created.

1. When have you taken steps to end some form of suffering?
2. In what ways do you long for an end to the suffering we face in this world?
3. What does Paul mean when he says that creation is suffering the pain of childbirth?

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