“The truth of the matter is everyone has problems […], relationships divorce, love ones pass away, someone who didn’t work as hard or diligently as you got that promotion. But I have learned one thing: nothing can conqueror or dominate the human spirit, period.”

-David Pelzer

“Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it” --Charles Swindoll

One of most inspirational themes in A Child Called It is the unexpected power of adversity and suffering to produce depth and strength in the main character.

In a free-write, describe the role of adversity\* in either your own life or the life or someone you love or admire. Suffering and loss can make us bitter or better. You may discuss either or both in your freewrite, but describe the incident(s) in as much detail as you can.

\**Adversity is a noun meaning hardship or misfortune*