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Scripture Reading

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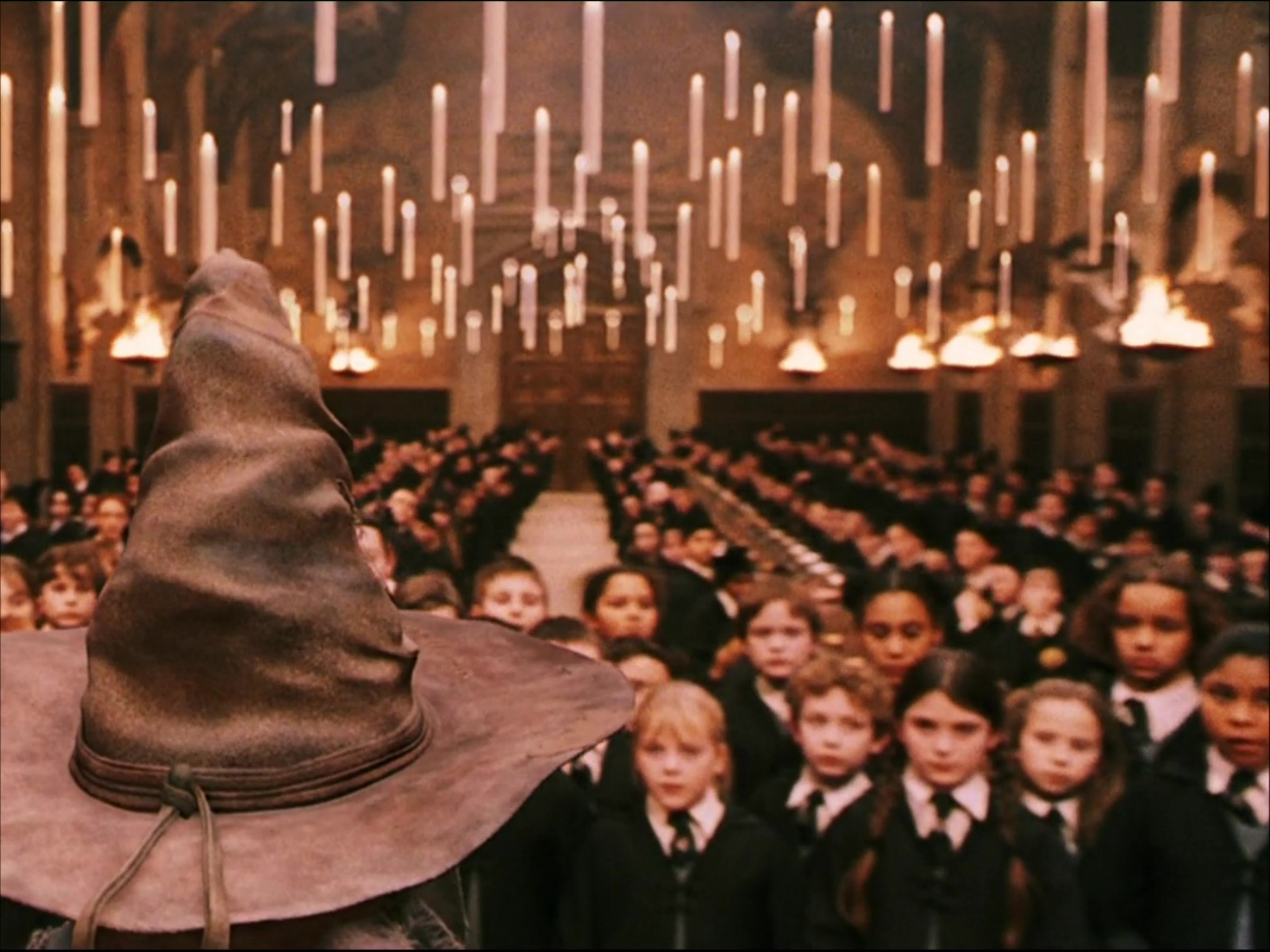
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Main Point:

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How Paul sorted his suffering

1. Seek to serve the Gospel
2. See yourself in God's Plan
3. Sort your suffering under God's glory

Main Point:

Sort suffering through
your story of salvation.





Overflowing His Story

