

Series: Topical

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12 & 19

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HOW TO PERSEVERE THROUGH PROBLEMS

1 Peter 4:12, 19 "Don't be surprised at the painful trials you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you, ... those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful creator and continue to do good."

FIVE WAYS GOD USES PROBLEMS TO EQUIP ME FOR LIFE

1. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____

"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways."

"I am glad... not because it hurt you but because the pain turned you to God..."

Ask:

2. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____

"The Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these 40 years, ... to test you in order to know what was in your heart ..."

"When you have many kinds of troubles, you should be full of joy, because you know that these troubles test your faith, and this will give you patience... Then you will be mature and complete ..."

"I (God) have refined you ... I have tested you in the furnace of affliction."

Ask:

Pr. 20;30 (GN)

3. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____
2 Cor. 7:9 (LB)

"It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees."

"...it was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws."

"Let God train you, for He is doing what any loving father does for His children. Whoever heard of a son who was never corrected?"

Heb 12:7 (LB)

Ask:

4. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____

"It is better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong ..."

I Peter 3:17 (NCV)

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good
..."

Gen. 50:20

Ask:

5. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us -- they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it..."

Rom 5:3-4 (LB)

Ask: