

## GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MY PROBLEMS

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.**" John 16:33

Therefore, **let those also who suffer according to the will of God** entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right. 1 Peter 4:19

## HOW GOD USES PROBLEMS IN MY LIFE

**1. God uses problems to** \_\_\_\_\_  
Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways. Proverbs 20:30 (GN)

In the day of prosperity be happy, But in the day of adversity consider - God has made the one as well as the other... Ecclesiastes 7:14

**2. God uses problems to** \_\_\_\_\_  
Beloved, **do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;** 1 Peter 4:12

"And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, **testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.** Deuteronomy 8:2

(Job) When He tests me, I'll come out as pure as gold. Job 23:10

**3. God uses problems to** \_\_\_\_\_  
It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Thy statutes. Psalm 119:71

The punishment you gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws Psalm 119:71 (TLB)

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Hebrews 12:7-9

**4. God uses problems to** \_\_\_\_\_  
For it is better, if **God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right** rather than for doing what is wrong. 1 Peter 3:17

And it came about as she spoke to Joseph day after day, that he did not listen to her to lie beside her, or be with her. Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside. And she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside. Genesis 39:10-12

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20

**5. God uses problems to** \_\_\_\_\_  
And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, **He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;** Romans 8:28,29

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4 (NIV)

He (God) made the One (Jesus) who leads people to salvation perfect through suffering. Hebrews 2:10 (NCV)

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-5 (NIV)

## Four Truths to Remember:

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ everything I'm \_\_\_\_\_
2. Regardless of my problem, God \_\_\_\_\_
3. God can \_\_\_\_\_ my situation
4. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ first