

HOW TO FIND PURPOSE IN MY PROBLEMS

1 Peter 4:12-13 *Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead of being surprised, be very glad, for these trials make you partners with Christ in His suffering so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing His glory when it is revealed to all the world.*

• **GOD NEVER _____ A PROBLEM.**

HOW GOD USES MY PROBLEMS FOR HIS PURPOSES

1. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO TEACH ME TO _____.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 *We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. ⁹ In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰ And He did rescue us from mortal danger and He will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in Him, and He will continue to rescue us.*

Nahum 1:7 *The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in Him.*

2. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO TEACH ME TO _____ FROM _____

Proverbs 28:14 *Blessed are those who fear to do wrong, but the stubborn are headed for serious trouble.*

Proverbs 27:17 *As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.*

3. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO TEACH ME TO _____ MY _____.

Deuteronomy 8:2 *Remember how the Lord, your God, led you through the wilderness for these 40 years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey His commands?*

Matthew 6:33 (Jesus) *“Seek the kingdom of God above all else and live righteously and He will give you everything you need.”*

4. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO MAKE ME _____ LIKE _____.

Ephesians 4:21-22, 24 *Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from Him, ²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.*

Romans 5:3-4 *We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.*

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\$ 21,212	\$ 27,142	\$ 5,930
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\$233,327	\$216,829	\$ (16,498)