

Struggling With God

Natural calamities
Sickness & Health problems
Relationship problems
Tragedies & Crisis situations
Hardships
Persecution
Trials of many kinds

Luke 13:10-16

Job 1 & 2

**I. GOD ALLOWS TRIALS
TO COME UPON ME**

Acts 14:22

“We must go through many trials
to enter the kingdom of God”

2 Timothy 3:12

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...”

1 Peter 4:12ff

God allows trials to come on me

II. GOD USES TRIALS TO SAVE SOULS

Acts 16:16ff

1 Peter 2:19ff

God uses trials to save souls

III. GOD USES TRIALS TO TRANSFORM ME

2 Corinthians 1:3ff

Comfort

- Produces patient endurance

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking in anything.

Reliance on God

To be helped
through
prayer

2 Corinthians 12:7ff

God's power is made
perfect in our
weaknesses

Hebrews 12:2ff

Hardship = Discipline

To share in God's
holiness as sons

Produces a harvest of
Righteousness & Peace

God uses trials to transform me

IV. GOD USES TRIALS

TO PREPARE ME FOR ETERNITY

1 Peter 1:3ff

Genuine Faith

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Thessalonians 1:3ff

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**Are you struggling
WITH or WITHOUT
God?**