

The Purpose of Your Pain
The Incredible Benefits of Faith! Part 7
Romans 5:3-4
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Benefit #4. Your pain and your problems have a productive purpose!

"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope," (vv 3-4, ESV)

1. Why is there even suffering?
☞ There is suffering in this world because of sin!
2. What does "suffering" mean?
 - Suffering is external pressure!
 - Suffering is internal distress!
3. What can it mean to rejoice in suffering?
 - Rejoicing is taking joy in knowing God's good purpose in suffering!
4. What kind of sufferings are there?
 - Suffering because of my own sin. (Leads to sorrow and repentance)
 - Suffering according to God's will.
 - Suffering for Christ's sake.

5. What does our suffering produce?

A. Suffering produces Perseverance!

B. Perseverance produces _____!

"For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." (Hebrews 2:10; NKJ)

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (James 1:2-4; NKJ)

C. Christlike character produces _____!

6. What is my role in suffering?

A. Receive God's work in suffering as _____

B. Avoid the _____ that derail God's work.

- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

"Nor should we complain as some of them did, and were killed by the destroyer." (1 Corinthians 10:10; NKJ)

- _____.
- _____.

"But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord Your God.'" (Isaiah 43:1-3; NKJ)

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C. Respond with _____, _____, _____, and _____!

"Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills." (Habakkuk 3:17-19; NKJ)