

God's Purpose For My Problems

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Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

1 Peter 4:19 "Those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful creator and continue to do good."

Four Ways God Uses Problems In My Life:

I. GOD OFTEN USES PROBLEMS TO _____ US.

Proverbs 20:30 "Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways." (Good News)

A. PROBLEMS CAN DIRECT US OUT OF OUR _____ ZONE.

Moses - Exodus 34:10-12

B. GOD _____ US WHERE HE CAN _____ US.

Paul & Silas - Acts 16:16-33

II. GOD OFTEN USES PROBLEMS TO _____ US.

Deuteronomy 8:2 "The Lord God led you all the way in the desert these 40 years... to test you in order to know what was in your heart..."

A. TESTING SHOWS US OUR _____.

Israel

B. TESTING REVEALS OUR _____ MOTIVES.

Achan - Joshua 7:1-26

III. GOD OFTEN USES PROBLEMS TO _____ US.

Psalms 119:71 "It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your statutes."; Hebrews 12:7-11

A. WHEN OUR _____ NEEDS CORRECTION.

David - 2 Samuel 11:1-23

B. WHEN OUR _____ NEEDS CORRECTION.

Samson - Judges 13-16

IV. MOSTLY, GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____ US.

A. HE WANTS TO PERFECT OUR _____.

Job - Job 1-42

B. HE WANTS US TO BE LIKE _____.

James 1:1-4; Romans 8:28-29 "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son."