

## **SEEING THE POSITIVE IN MY PROBLEMS**

### **Patience, Persistence and Peace of Mind - Part 6 of 6**

**1 Peter 4:12,19** "Don't be surprised at the painful trials you are suffering as though something strange were happening to you...Those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good."

#### **FIVE WAYS GOD USES PROBLEMS IN MY LIFE**

**1. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**2. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

**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... "

**James 1:2-4** "Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance... so you may be mature and complete... "

**Isaiah 48:10** "I (God) have tested you in the fire of suffering, as silver is refined in a furnace."

**3. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalms 119:71** "It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn Your statutes."

**(LB)** "...it was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to Your laws!"

**Hebrews 12:7 (LB)** "Let God train you, for He is doing what any loving father does for his children. Whoever heard of a son who was never corrected?"

**4. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Peter 3:17** "It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good, than for doing evil."

**Genesis 50:20** "You intended it to harm me, but God intended it for good."

**5. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Romans 5:3-4 (LB)** "We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials for we know that they are good for us -- they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it..."