

Faith in Action

Suffering is the #1 tool in the hands of God to perfect Christlikeness in me.

Psalm 119:65-75

Suffering Is NOT . . .

1. _____
Obedience brings blessing; disobedience brings conflict. (1 Pet. 2:20)
2. _____ (Heb. 12:6)

Suffering IS . . .

1. P _____
2. S _____
3. The _____ of God
4. S _____ attack (allowed by God, as with Job)

"Every affliction comes from the heart of God."
(Alexander MacLaren)

"We never learn anything about God except by adversity."
(Watchman Nee)

- Heb. 2:10 "It was fitting for Him . . . to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings."
Heb. 5:8 "He learned obedience from the things which He suffered."
1 Pet. 1:7 "the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold"
1 Pet. 2:19-21 God has called me to suffer.

How to Respond When Someone Hurts You

James 1:1-15

Choice #1:

- Get _____.

Choice #2:

- _____ God for the _____.
- _____ God for the _____ of your faith.
- _____ God for the _____ to serve those who hurt you (2 Cor. 1:4).

R _____

E _____

M _____

C _____ (Jas. 1:12)

1 Pet. 4:1-2 "He who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin."

Rom. 13:14 "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts."