

There Is Purpose in Your Trials & Pain

Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.

When you need encouragement in trials, remember this...

1. When you don't feel God's Hand in your life, trust his Heart.

a. **Genesis 45:8** *"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God.*

b. Joseph knew God had his best interest in mind in the midst of pain and trial.

2. Don't miss what God has for you in the valley... But don't camp out there.

a. 13 years of obedience in the midst of loneliness, pain and unjust circumstances, Joseph remained faithful to God.

Why am I going through these trials?

1. We experience trials SO THAT we can encourage those that go through the same trial after us.

a. **2 Corinthians 1:3-4** *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, SO THAT we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.* b. God can use your pain to encourage someone else through their pain.

2. Your obedience in trials will lead others to Christ.

a. **Genesis 45:5** *And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.*

3. ALL THINGS work together for the good of those that love him.

a. **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.*

b. Your maker is crafting you like the potter crafts the clay.

c. God has the bird's eye view of our past, present and future.