

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. Someone in a terrible trial says, “How can a loving God allow this to happen?” How would you respond?
2. How would you explain the Christian life to someone as both painful and joyful?
3. Does God have a design for our distress? How does He use the painfulness of suffering for His glory and our good?
4. How are our trials like the fire that refines gold from its impurities?
5. How is our suffering of eternal significance?

“For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead.”
2 Corinthians 1:8-9

“And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”
1 Peter 5:4

“Adversity is the very best book in my library.”
Martin Luther

“Contrary to what might be expected, I look back on experiences that at the time seemed especially desolating and painful with particular satisfaction. Indeed, everything I have learned, everything that has truly enhanced and enlightened my existence, has been through affliction and not through happiness.”
Malcolm Muggeridge

“I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages.”
Charles Spurgeon

“JOY IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS”

1 PETER 1:6-7

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- I. Christianity is a life of _____.

Hebrews 5:8; 12:6-11

2 Corinthians 6:10

2 Timothy 3:12

John 16:33

Acts 14:22

1 Peter 4:12

Psalms 37:4; 100:2

Luke 6:23

John 15:11

Philippians 4:4

Galatians 5:22

2 Corinthians 1:24

Philippians 1:25

- II. Why can Christians be joyful in the midst of trials?

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III. Our trials are _____.
Verse 6a

V. Our trials are _____.
Verse 7a

IV. Our trials are _____.
Verse 6b

VI. Our trials are _____.
Verse 7b