

Daily Devotion For October 29, 2021

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Yesterday, I had the opportunity to talk with a young man who lost his wife earlier in the year. His wife would have turned 35 years old yesterday and he is a single father of a 2 year old girl.

Maybe you have noticed in your own life that there are things in life that just don't seem fair. You may know people who are under pressure from stress and suffering. Maybe it is hurt or heartache, maybe it is illness or injustice. Maybe that person is you.

The Bible tells us that for the Christian, suffering is not wasted. Suffering is not an end in itself. 2 Corinthians 4:17 tells us "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." The spiritual principle that Paul is teaching us is that in some way God uses suffering to change and transform our lives. Maybe it is to strengthen our faith, to make us fit for His use, or that we can display His glory to the world that is watching to see how a Christian handles adversity. As I told the young man, we don't know the why, but we know the who and God wants to teach us to trust in Lord.

Thought For Today: In what ways have you seen God change and transform your life through your times of suffering? What lessons about God did you learn from your times of suffering?

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God that suffering is not wasted but that He can use your time of trials to change and transform your life. Deo Volente.