

Finding Purpose in Discomfort
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Scriptures:

- 2 Corinthians 1:2-7, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- 1 Peter 5:10, *NLT*
- Matthew 5:1-12, *NLT*
- James 1:12, *NLT*
- Romans 8:18, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 12:10
- Romans 8:26, 29
- Hebrews 4:15
- Psalm 34:18
- Isaiah 43:2
- Philippians 3:10
- James 1:2-4
- 1 Peter 1:6, 7
- Psalm 30:5
- Romans 5:3-5

Summary:

*God does everything out of love for us, for our benefit. This includes putting us in uncomfortable situations. It's a mistake to think that because we've been born again, we'll never encounter any tribulation, suffering, or adversity; just like the Spirit of God led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil, **we** can expect Him to lead us through our own trials to make us more like Him. When God wants us to grow and develop spiritually, He brings us out of our comfort zone. As we go through something painful and difficult, God's intent is to bring us through it stronger than before; enduring it allows Him to mature us and teach us to think differently. Spiritual growth is a path we walk as believers; on the journey, God uses the hurtful things to mold and shape us into His image.*

Notes:

1. We learn what God wants to teach us by leaning on Him during uncomfortable times. When we are worried, uneasy, or even emotionally uncomfortable, something godly and mature comes out of the situation if we turn to God.
2. Enduring suffering allows God to comfort us; we change, mature, and grow stronger. Pain and discomfort give God an opportunity to teach us how to change wrong thinking, to make us more effective, or to mold and shape our character.
3. God has gone through the same things we encounter; He walks with us through them all. We have a God who draws near to our experience.
4. God won't take away the discomfort, but instead stays there with us in the midst of it. Discomfort causes our souls to grow.

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