

Grace and Faith in the Midst of Discomfort

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Scriptures:

- 1 Peter 5:10
- 1 Peter 5:10, *NLT*
- Romans 8:29
- Philippians 3:10
- 2 Corinthians 4:13
- 2 Corinthians 4:13, *NLT*
- 1 Timothy 6:12, *NLT*
- 1 Timothy 6:12
- John 5:24
- James 4:7

Summary:

*God doesn't cause painful things. However, He uses pain to move us out of our comfort zone so that we can mature and grow; suffering is the catalyst for change. Living godly lives actually invites persecution; we therefore must expect it. Trusting in and relying on God in the midst of trouble strengthens us and transforms us into the image of Christ. When something uncomfortable shows up, we must not meekly accept suffering without doing anything about it; it's in the resistance against it that we're strengthened. God won't remove the spiritual lion's den or the fiery furnace we find ourselves in, but He **will** join us in it and never let us go through it alone. In the middle of the battle, laying hold of Jesus and His Word helps us win the fight.*

Notes:

1. God uses the uncomfortable, painful things to help us mature and become more like Him. When we're going through something, God promises to bring us through it, and restore and perfect us. What comes afterward must first come out of the place of discomfort.
2. We conform to the image of Jesus through all the trials and the things life throws at us; they mold us into God's likeness.
3. Faith in the midst of a situation helps us stand firm and maintain the victory we have. We struggle by trying to get what Jesus has already obtained, and by trying to do what He already did; our job is simply to believe in all of His finished works, and to maintain our confidence in what He did.
4. What gives us power is when we believe, first, and then speak our faith. We must maintain our stance in Christ.

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