

Is Adversity Ever Caused by God?

Being submissive to God's chastisement or adversity isn't easy. The first response to adversity is to attempt to flee from it or shake it off. It takes a certain amount of spiritual maturity to admit, "God may have a message for me in this adversity. He may be trying to deal with me in some way so that I might grow in my faith and become more like Jesus."

There are four great truths that I want you to consider in this lesson:

You can never see the beginning from the ending of God's plan for your life, but God sees the big picture and all the details that are a part of it.

All adversity in your life must be sifted first through the permissive will of God.

God will not test you beyond your ability to endure.

God's full help in times of adversity is available only to the Christian.

God has a plan and purpose for your life as a whole. He is continually in the process of preparing you to be a person with whom He intends to live forever. God's love for you is far greater than anything you can ask or imagine. He has at His disposal an infinite number of ways of bringing you to new levels of maturity in Christ Jesus.

There is an old saying,

God whispers in our pleasure.

God speaks in our conscience.

God shouts in our pain.

And He really gets our attention when the pain is intense and beyond our control.

Because God is infinite, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and totally loving, we can trust Him to know how each experience, circumstance and relationship in our life fits into God's plan. We may not see any purpose for some of the troubles that come our way. But God always sees purpose in everything, and furthermore, He sees an eternal purpose.

(From the book "Advancing Through adversity" by Charles Stanley)

"I am the LORD who heals you"

Please pray for:

Pr. Mathew Samuel, Bro. Babu Thannickal, Bro. Sam Ebenezer, Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew, Ammini George, Mariamma Johny (Kunjumol), Usha Danielkutty Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter), Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair), Bro. Jose Ponnolil & all who are sick among us.

Please pray for these Countries

	Country	Population (in millions)	Christians	Evangelicals	President	Prime Minister
Sun	Cook Islands	0.02	97.7%	11.7%		Henry Puna
Mon	Costa Rica	4.8	95.6%	14.9%	Luis Guillermo Solís	
Tue	Cote D'ivoire (Ivory Coast)	20.6	32.7%	7.6%	Alassane Dramane Ouattara	Daniel Kablan Duncan
Wed	Croatia	4.2	92.6%	0.4%	Ivo Josipovic	Zoran Milanovic
Thu	Cuba	11.3	56.2%	8.5%	General Raul Modesto Castro Ruz	Raúl Castro
Fri	Curacao	0.14	85.6%	6.0%	Lucille George -Wout (Governor)	Ivar Asjes
Sat	Cypress	1.09	72.0%	1.1%	Nikos Anastasiadis	