

Finding Blessing In Brokenness Part 3

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“For OUR Good”

Evil is the opposite of all that God is. Our participation with evil is called *sin*. **All suffering is a direct, or indirect, result of sin.** (Genesis 1-3)

Question: *Is God both Good and Great? Loving & Powerful? YES!!*

Brokenness is humbly presenting our hearts to God.
Psalm 34:18; 51:17

Blessing #1 – God uses all suffering to reveal HIS eternal glory. 2 Cor. 4

*** SO present your suffering to God for His glory!**

Blessing #2 – God uses all suffering for MY good.

Romans 8:28-29;

- God’s GREATER good is conforming us into the image of Christ.
- Suffering produces perseverance, character, and HOPE! Romans 5

*** SO REJOICE IN HOPE!**

Blessing #3 – God uses all suffering for OUR good.

Rom. 8:28-29

TEXT: 2 Cor. 1:3-11

- 1. Comfort:** *God of compassion comforts us...* Vs. 4a
- 2. Ministry:** *so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves receive.* Vs. 4b
- 3. Deliverance:** *He has delivered us from deadly peril, and will deliver us.* Vs. 10

Gen. 50:19 *But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.*

4. Unity in Prayer: *As you help us by your prayers...*

Vs. 11a

Gal. 6:2 *Carry each other's burdens...*

5. Witness: *...many will give thanks!* Vs. 11b

- “Fixing” is not our responsibility, it’s God’s!

The “Anti-Blessing”– Satan has a plan for suffering too!

He desires we respond to suffering by separating ourselves from God, our own heart, and from each other.

Imagine what God will do as we enter into the suffering of others with a broken and humble heart!

Blessing #3 – God uses all suffering for OUR good.

*** SO COMFORT and PRAY for ONE ANOTHER**

Application:

1. Check your heart. Are you daily presenting your suffering and trials back to God for HIS glory?
2. Who have you invited into your life to comfort and pray for you?
3. Who is suffering around you and would benefit from your comfort and prayer?