

EMPLOYING YOUR EXPERIENCES
#SermonExperiences
Shaped For Significance Part 5
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Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good... (NIV)

John 13:7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." (NIV)

My Experiences Are Intended To...

1. TEACH ME TO TRUST GOD

2 Corinthians 1:9b But we suffered so that we would stop trusting ourselves and learn to trust God... (GW)

2. BUILD MY CHARACTER

Romans 5:3-4 ...we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation works patience; ⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope. (AKJV)

Proverbs 20:30 Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways. (TEV)

3. ACCOMPLISH GOD'S PURPOSE

Philippians 1:12 I want you to know, my friends, that the things that have happened to me have really helped the progress of the gospel. (TEV)

How To Use My Experiences

1. EMBRACE MY EXPERIENCES

Galatians 3:4 You have experienced many things. Were all those experiences wasted? I hope not! (ICB)

Deuteronomy 11:2 **Remember** today what you have learned about the LORD through your experiences with him. (TEV)

2. EXTRACT THE LESSONS

Job 32:7 Age should speak, and experience should teach wisdom. (GW)

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith.... Do you not realize by an ever increasing experience that Jesus Christ is in you...? (AMP)

3. EXPLOIT THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS

Job 8:8b ...Pay attention to the experience of our ancestors. (NLT)

Proverbs 25:12 A warning given by an experienced person to someone willing to listen is more valuable than gold rings or jewelry made of the finest gold. (TEV)

1 Corinthians 10:11a All these things happened to them as examples for others, and they were written down as a warning for us. (TEV)

4. EMPLOY MY EXPERIENCES TO HELP OTHERS

2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 7 What a wonderful God we have—he is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, ⁴ and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this?... ⁷ to show you from our personal experience how God will tenderly comfort you when you undergo these same sufferings. He will give you the strength to endure. (LB)

Romans 1:12 When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. (NLT)

1 Corinthians 4:6 I have used Apollos and myself as examples. I did this so that you could learn from us... (ICB)

1 John 1:3 We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. (MSG)