

God's Promises And My Troubles
#SermonTroubles
God's Practical Promises Part 3
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Job 5:7 People are born to have trouble, as surely as sparks rise from a fire. (ERV)

Romans 8:29 From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him... should become like his Son... (LB)

How God Helps Us Become Like Jesus

1. GOD USES THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 3:16 God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that his Spirit will make you become strong followers... (CEV)

2. GOD USES THE WORD

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (NIV)

3. GOD USES HIS PEOPLE

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so people can improve each other. (NCV)

4. GOD USES TROUBLES

Romans 8:17 ...We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him! (MSG)

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. ⁹ We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. (LB)

2 Corinthians 4:10, 16-18 Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. ¹⁶ This is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. (NLT)

Romans 8:28-29a We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. ²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son... (NLT)

How To Get Through Hard Times

1. REMEMBER TROUBLES DON'T LAST

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! (NLT)

Hebrews 12:2 We must focus on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith. He saw the joy ahead of him, so he endured death on the cross and ignored the disgrace it brought him... (GW)

1 Peter 1:6 Be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. (NLT)

2. REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS

James 1:2 ...When troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. (NLT)

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

Philippians 4:4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! (NLT)

Romans 5:3-4a We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character... (NLT)

3. REFUSE TO GIVE UP

James 1:3 ...when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. (NLT)
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Isaiah 48:10 Behold, I have refined you...; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. (NKJV)

Psalms 119:71 My troubles turned out all for the best— they forced me to learn from your textbook. (MSG)

Proverbs 24:10 If you give up when trouble comes, it shows that you have very little strength. (ICB)

Mark 4:17 Since people don't allow the teaching to go deep into their lives, they keep it only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the teaching they accepted, they quickly give up. (NCV)

Psalm 119:49 Never forget your promises to me your servant, for they are my only hope. They give me strength in all my troubles; how they refresh and revive me! (LB)

Psalm 143:11 Rescue me, LORD, as you have promised; in your goodness save me from my troubles! (TEV)