

How to Keep My Problems in Perspective

How God Helps You through Your Problems-Part 2

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NLT) *"So be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid and do not panic before them, for the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you, nor abandon you."*

FOUR WAYS TO SEE MY PROBLEMS FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

1. See my problems as PART of LIFE'S JOURNEY.

John 16:33 (Jesus) *"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

2. See my problems as PARTIALLY INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

Isaiah 55:8 *"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine."*

1 Corinthians 13:12 *"Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely."*

3. See my problems as a PLAN for POSITIVE CHANGE.

Romans 8:28 *"And 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."*

Galatians 6:2 *"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."*

4. See my problems as a PROCESS for SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

James 1:2-3 *"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow."*

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 *“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! 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.”*

Matthew 11:28 (Jesus) *“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”*