



Weekly Devotion

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Why Pain & Suffering

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“Suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope.”

— Romans 5:3-5

I can't begin to count all the times I've heard family, friends, and others I didn't even know say, "Why does God let painful, fearful, and agonizing things happen to us?" I don't know about you, but I certainly have experienced these all too often.

In the Bible, God tells us that after the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, because of our sins, our lives were not going to be the same. Sorrow, pain, worry, and fear would certainly be with us.

So why? There are numerous perspectives on this subject: a consequence of free will, to grow spiritually, to develop character and faith, etc.

I believe that in God's infinite wisdom, He knew his people would not depend on Him or turn to Him in faith if life had been a bowl of cherries. Suffering for many is an opportunity to be drawn closer to God.

Heavenly Father, as we struggle with our pains and sorrows in life, help us to know that you are in control and will give us strength to endure until you call us home. We thank you in Jesus' name. Amen

Journaling:

How have you viewed your difficult times?

