

for a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your FAITH, of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory, and honour at the appearing of JESUS CHRIST.

| Peter 1:6-7



"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

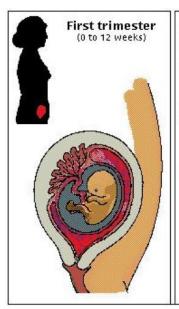
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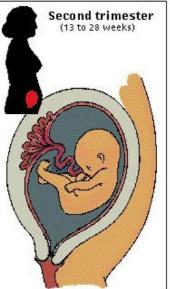
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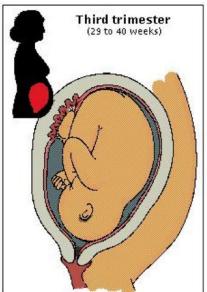


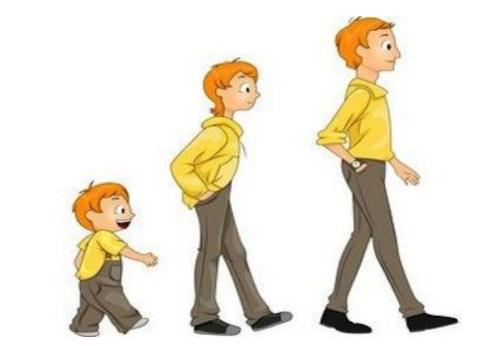
"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

1 Peter 2:24 (KJV)









CHILDHOOD, ADOLESCENCE, ADULTHOOD

⁴⁴ Jesus shouted to the crowds, "If you trust me, you are trusting not only me, but also God who sent me. ⁴⁵ For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark. 47 I will not judge those who hear me but don't obey me, for I have come to save the world and not to judge it. 48 But all who reject me and my message will be judged on the day of judgment by the truth I have spoken.

John 15:20

"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you..."

2 Timothy 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

"I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy."



"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but <u>take heart</u>, I have overcome the world"



How could something so bad end up being so good?



THE RESURRECTION

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed." Romans 8:18

- Jesus grieved over a shepherd-less nation (Mat. 9:36),
- Jesus grieved over the hardness of people's hearts (Mat. 13:5),
- Jesus grieved over people's unbelief and their twisted ways (Mat. 17:17)
- Jesus grieved the death of Lazarus (Mat. 11:35),
- Jesus grieved the loss of His cousin John the Baptist.
 (Mk. 6:14)
- It grieved Jesus that the little children were prohibited from coming to Him (Mark 10:14).
- It grieved Jesus to see hurting, broken people



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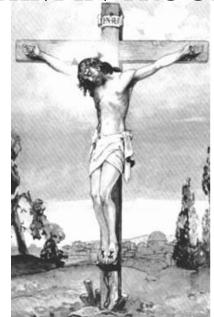


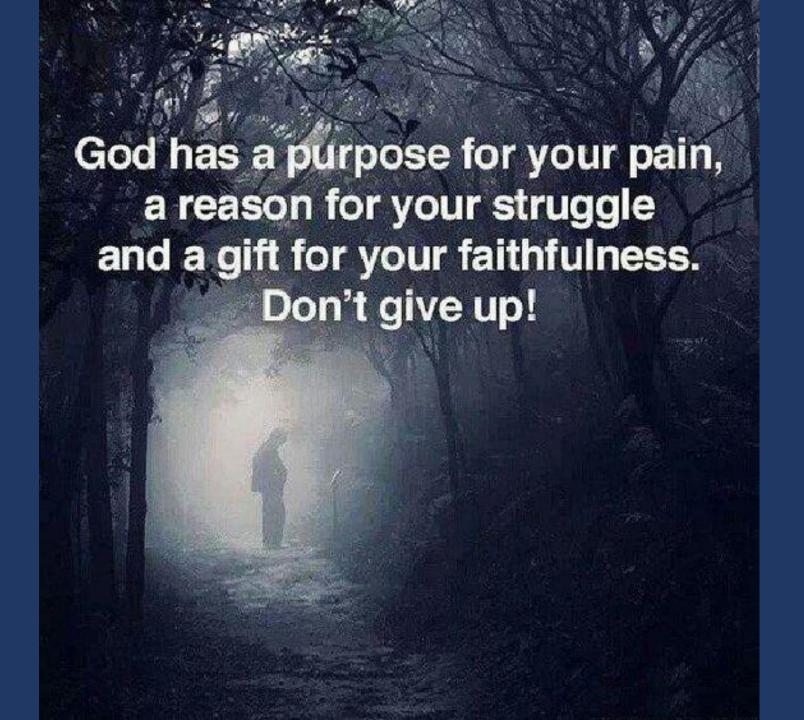
GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO GROW THROUGH THEIR GRIEF.





GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO TURN TO HIM IN TROUBLE





Matthew 14:3

For when Herod had John arrested, he bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip.

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Many years ago, a country woman in Florida received news that her son had been killed in the war. Shortly thereafter, she was seen hoeing in her garden.



2. Jesus got alone to pray

FOR A CHILD IS BORN TO US, A SON IS GIVEN TO US.
THE GOVERNMENT WILL REST ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED...

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD EVERLASTING FATHER DRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH 6:9

Matthew 14:13-21

- 13 Now when Jesus heard about John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard of this, they followed Him on foot from the cities.
- 14 When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

3. Jesus helped others in their grief even while dealing with His own grief.

There is a destiny that makes us brothers, No one goes his way alone; All that we send into the lives of others, Comes back into our own.

Edwin Markham