

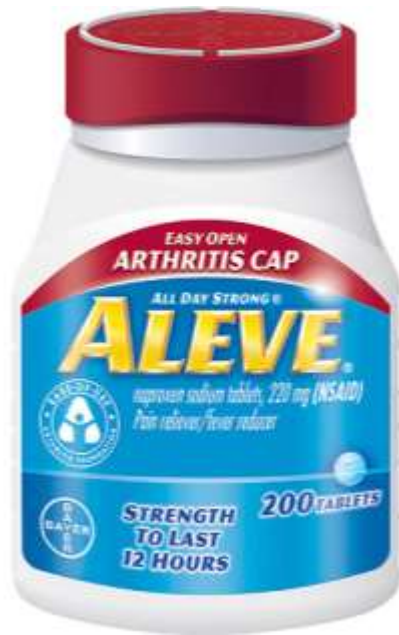
WHy GOD?
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Romans 5:3-10 - 2 Cor. 12:7-10 - Hebrews 5:7-10, 12:1-3, 11

THE PROBLEM AND THE PURPOSE OF PAIN OR ADVERSITY





When you UNDERSTAND why, pain is more bearable.

A person is shown from the chest up, their face obscured by their hands in a gesture of distress or grief. The background is a dark, textured blue.

LORD WHY
== IS THIS ==
HAPPENING
TO ME

**GOLDEN
GLOBE
AWARDS**



**"I really don't deserve this. But I have arthritis,
and I don't deserve that either."**

Philippians 1:29

"For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,"



2 Corinthians 11:24-26

**Five times I received forty
stripes minus one.**

**Three times I was beaten with
rods; once I was stoned;
three times I was shipwrecked;
a night and a day**



2 Corinthians 12:7

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me...



2 Corinthians 12:9

**And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**



Hebrews 5:7-8

⁷While he lived on earth, anticipating death, Jesus cried out in pain and wept in sorrow as he offered up priestly prayers to God. Because he honored God, God answered him.

⁸Though he was God's Son, he learned trusting-obedience by what he suffered, just as we do.



Hebrews 12:2 NLT

² We endure by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.



Hebrews 12:3 NLT

³Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.



Hebrews 12:11 NIV

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.



PAIN AND ADVERSITY

produce

perseverance

V. 3



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"to abide under, to stay under the pressure."



Dependability

Consistent in performance or behavior; financially sound; reliable.

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Reveal a tested faith, a validated faith,
a DEPENDABLE faith, a POWERFUL faith.



Job 1:11 (NKJV)

11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

Job 2:5 (NKJV)

5 But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"

Revelation 12:10 (NKJV)

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.



Mark 4:38 (NIV)

**³Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.
The disciples woke him and said to him,
"Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"**



WHY SUFFERING?

A misty, green-tinted landscape with a large, leafless tree and a cross in the foreground. The scene is atmospheric and somber, with a soft light source in the background creating a hazy glow.

Suffering produces results, it shows that our faith is genuine, it deepens our faith, and, our loyalty and devotion to God grows.




STICK TO ITIVENESS

The COURAGE to trust God when the future looks bleak.



empowered.



A dramatic landscape featuring a cloudy sky with a bright sunburst breaking through on the right. In the foreground, there is a dark, silhouetted field with a single tree on the left. In the background, there are rolling hills or mountains. A large, semi-transparent white circle is centered in the upper half of the image, containing the text.

**You intended to
harm me, but
God intended it
all for good.**

Genesis 50:20



What Christians
are squeezed, the
fruit of the spirit
is supposed to
come out!

The Fruit of the Spirit



Galatians 5:22-23



LOVE αγάπη

benevolence, good will, esteem

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful... (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)



JOY χαρά

gladness, a source of joy

Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory... (1 Peter 1:8)



PEACE ειρήνη

harmony, welfare, peace of mind

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility... that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace... (Ephesians 2:14-15)



PATIENCE μακροθυμία

forbearance, longsuffering

But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. (1 Timothy 1:16)

fruit of the
spirit

galatians 5:22-23



KINDNESS χρηστότης

uprightness, benignity, gentleness

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy... (Titus 3:4-5)



GOODNESS αγαθωσύνη

intrinsic goodness and kindness

Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)... (Ephesians 5:8-9)



FAITHFULNESS πίστις

belief, trust, confidence

Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. (Luke 18:42-43)



GENTLENESS πραΰτης

mildness, meekness, courtesy

Remind them ... to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. (Titus 3:1-2)



SELF-CONTROL ἐγκράτεια

self-mastery, self-restraint, continence

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness... (2 Peter 1:5-6)

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STEADINESS OR RELIABILITY





Depend on us.™



I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time that we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. And he did help us, and he saved us from a terrible death; yes, and we expect him to do it again and again.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10

paraphrased

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hope

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Hope for the future and hope for the present!

LOVE



POURED
INTO OUR

Hearts

ROMANS 5:1-5

A dramatic sky scene featuring a large, dark, swirling cloud formation that frames the central text. The sky is a deep blue, and the clouds are white and yellow, suggesting a bright light source. The text is written in a white, cursive font.

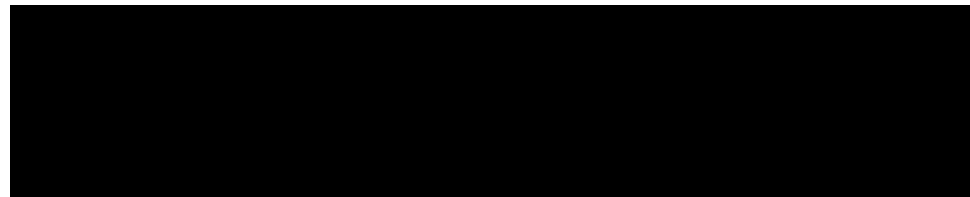
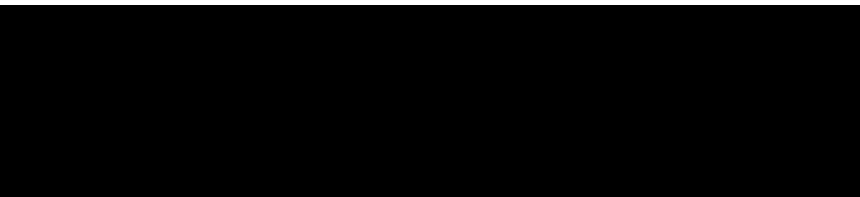
*For God So
Loved The
World...*





You see, at just the right
time, when we were still
powerless, Christ died for
the ungodly.

Romans 5:6



For momentary, light affliction
is producing for us an eternal
weight of glory far beyond all
comparison.....

2 Corinthians 4:17