

HOW GOD CAN USE MY PAIN FOR MY GOOD

Where Is God When It Hurts?
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1. GOD USES PAIN TO _____

"A person may plan his own journey, but the Lord directs his steps."
Proverbs 16:9 (GW)

"God teaches people through suffering and uses distress to open their eyes."
Job 36:15 (TEV)

"Now I am glad . . . not because it hurt you but because the pain turned you to God" 2 Corinthians 7:9 (TLB)

"it was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws." Psalm 119:71-72 (TLB)

2. GOD USES PAIN TO _____

"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways."
Proverbs 20:30 (TEV)

"God corrects all of His children, and if He doesn't correct you, then you don't really belong to Him . . . God corrects us for our own good, because He wants us to be holy, as He is." Hebrews 12:8-10 (CEV)

"Consider yourself fortunate God all-powerful chooses to correct you."
Job 5:17 (CEV)

(Prodigal son) *"He spent everything he had . . . and was hungry . . . At last he came to his senses and said . . . I'll get up and go to my father"*
Luke 15:14-18 (TEV)

"Let God train you, for he is doing what any loving father does for his children. Whoever heard of a child who was never corrected?" Hebrews 12:7 (TLB)

3. GOD USES PAIN TO _____

"You (God) inspect them every morning and test them every minute."
Job 7:18 (TEV)

"The Lord searches our hearts and examines our deepest motives so He can give to each person his right reward, according to his deeds—how he has lived."
Jeremiah 17:10 (TLB)

"I have tested you in the furnace of affliction." Isaiah 48:10 (NIV)

"tests and challenges come at you from all sides. (And) You know that under pressure, your faith life is forced into the open and shows its true colors."
James 1:2-3 (The Message)

(Israelites) *"God led you through the wilderness for forty years, humbling you and testing you to find out how you would respond, and whether or not you would really obey him."* Deuteronomy 8:2 (TLB)

4. GOD USES PAIN TO _____

"God will save you from hidden traps." Psalm 91:3 (NCV)

"God has led you away from danger, giving you freedom." Job 36:16 (NLT)

Joseph: *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good."* Genesis 50:20

"Jesus replied, 'You don't realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'" John 13:7 (NIV)

5. GOD USES PAIN TO _____

"For when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems . . . then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete." James 1:4 (TLB)

"So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well developed." James 1:4 (The Message)

"(This happened) so we might learn to trust, not in ourselves, but in God"
1 Corinthians 1:9 (PHILLIPS)

"Has all your painful experience brought you nowhere?" Galatians 3:4 (PHILLIPS)

"If you are suffering according to God's will, keep on doing what is right and trust yourself to the God who made you, for he will never fail you." 1 Peter 4:19 (TLB)

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