

Series: "When Good People Have Bad Times"

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"A Squirrel Crossing A Busy Street"

(Romans 5:1-5)

No matter how fortunate any of us feel and how virtuous we are, there comes a time when our _____ runs out and _____ slams us in the face.

Some of us spend our lives trying to avoid _____.

1.- Bad times are not designed to _____ us but to make us _____.

One author compares the Christian's response to suffering to the term Y-A-C. In the NFL it means: "_____ - _____ - _____."

That's what God means for His people to do – keep moving _____ when life strikes us a blow.

That is how we build up the _____ resources we need to successfully _____ with life.

2.- Times of Adversity also make us _____.

They help us take stock of our lives and make _____ that can propel us forward.

There have been many people who have discovered that a time of _____, adversity or suffering marked a _____ point in their life...for the better.

A time of adversity or suffering should always be a time of _____ and _____ growth.

3.- Going through a time of adversity will teach us that we can _____.

Knowing that you have been in difficult times before can _____ your odds of _____ later even more difficult situations.

That's an important lesson to learn. We can _____ more than we think we can.

Then we will know for certain that with God's help we can make it through terrible storms, and we will be _____ people for it.

We learn our greatest lessons and experience our greatest growth during times of _____, during times of _____.

Even though life can sometimes _____, we can embrace those hurts if we understand that God is using them to make us into a new _____.

None of us understand why God created a world in which there is _____.

I do know there is no _____ without _____.

Song: *"Too many miles behind me, too many trials are through
Too many tears help me to remember, that there's too much to
gain to lose.
Too many sunsets lie behind the mountain, too many rivers my
feet have walked through.
Too many treasures are waiting over yonder,
And there's too much to gain to lose.
I've crossed the hot burning desert, struggling the right road to
choose.
Somewhere up ahead, there's cool clear water.
And defeat is one word I don't use.*

Maybe we will find out someday that in our _____ God was seeking to do something _____ in our lives.

Romans 8:28 – "...we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

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