

God's Purpose in My Suffering.

1. God's purpose in my suffering is to remind me that it is _____.

• Philippians 1:29, 2 Timothy 3:12

2. God's purpose in my suffering is to reveal the _____ of my _____.

• Ezekiel 14:1-8

Idols of the Heart, Fitzpatrick, God's at war Idleman, Gospel Treason, Bigney

➤ Where do I go for help, for comfort and for refuge?

3. God's purpose in my suffering is so I will grow in _____.

The Lord allowed Paul's intense suffering to impale his otherwise proud flesh; to humble the one who had so many revelations. ~John MacArthur 2 Corinthians Page 401

The thorn's anonymity has proven a good thing, because it allows a broad application to the afflictions that God ordains for his children. ~R. Kent Hughes, 2 Corinthians, Page 212

• Romans 8:28-29

4. God's purpose in my suffering is so I will go to _____.

When pain and suffering come upon us, we finally see not only that we are not in control of our lives but that we never were [and never could be]. ~Tim Keller, Walking with God in Your Pain and Suffering



➤ Does suffering drive me to my knees and to God?

Whenever Christ says no to our desperate passionate pleadings, the no is [always coupled] with his perfect, compassionate goodness and love. ~R. Kent Hughes, 2 Corinthians Page 213.

5. God's purpose in my suffering is to display His _____ and _____.

• 1 Corinthians 1:3-4

➤ God will never give you more than you can handle with Him and with His grace and power.

6. God's purpose in my suffering is so I will _____ about Him. John 1:14

7. God's purpose in my suffering is so I grow in _____ . Jame 1:2-4

If God intended for all the days of your life to be easy, they would be. No, in grace, he intends for your days to be his tools of refinement. ~Paul David Tripp, New Moring Mercies, April 22

Suffering can refine us rather than destroy us because God himself walks with us in the fire. ~Tim Keller, Walking with God in Your Pain and Suffering

Contentment is found in reaching the place that says, "Even when I cannot understand, still I can trust." ~Alistair Begg, Truth For Life post on X, formerly Twitter, November 15, 2024

➤ How do I view my suffering?

How am I going to respond to what I heard and learned about God's purpose in my suffering?

