

We Are Here to Comfort Others

When Job was suffering, he said,

“Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?” (Job 2:10).

Even hardship and pain have a place in God’s plan for each believer.

During my episode with a kidney stone, I decided that I should learn something from my distress, as Job did. **That allowed God to develop greater compassion in me**—which helps me understand and relate to those facing similar trials.

Consider the truth in Paul’s words—**that God**

“comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction” (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Think about the kind of people you seek out when you’re hurting. **You want someone who has felt your pain, right?** A person who has already walked the path you’re on can understand your suffering and share wisdom. **Going through what we sometimes call a “valley experience” prepares us to be a blessing and encouragement to others.** But we must first accept that God has allowed this adversity in our life and then **choose to learn from the situation.**

God is the Lord of our life, and **He has the right to use us as comforters and encouragers to those around us.** As His servants, we must be willing to do His will, even when it hurts.

Don’t waste your suffering! Instead, use it to bring God glory.