

Overcomers Series

The Valleys

- Temptation
- Failure
- Illness
- Changes
- Depression
- Conflict
- Disappointment



**Coming to Grips with
Suffering!**

The Objection

If God is all powerful and loving, why is there suffering in the world?

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- * Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- * Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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What type of person am I ?

- I. Constantly complaining*
- II. Simple ingratitude*
- III. Obvious gratefulness
- IV. Giving thanks always

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How to thank God for troubles and hardships

- I. Trouble may correct us. Psalm 119:67, Heb 12:11
- II. Trouble may cause us to have greater dependency on God. 2 Cor 12:7-9
- III. Trouble may confirm my testimony. Phi 1:12;29
- IV. Trouble will bring us to a deeper maturity and more Christ-likeness. Psa119:71, James 1:4

A Study on how to be thankful

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How to thank God for troubles and hardships

I. Trouble may correct us.

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- "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." **Heb 12:6**

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II. Trouble may cause us to have greater dependency on God. 2 Cor 12:7-9

- And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. **2Co 12:7**
- For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. **2Co 12:8**

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III. Trouble may confirm my testimony. Phi 1:12;29

- But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which* happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; **Php 1:12**

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IV. Trouble will bring us to a deeper maturity and more Christ-likeness.
Psa119:71

- *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.*
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JULY

Monday

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DAILY READINGS: Joshua 23; Isaiah 17-18; 2 Thessalonians 2

Is anything too hard for the Lord?... Genesis 18:14
...With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

Are you facing an impossible situation? Is there seemingly no solution? Take courage dear child of God. You have a heavenly Father who deals with the impossible all the time! Introduce your problem to your Almighty God and it will crumble before His power and might. Remember the Red Sea, the walls of Jericho and Sarah's barren womb? These were all humanly impossible situations, but when confronted with the power of Almighty God, the impossible—becomes possible! Is "anything" too hard for the Lord? —E. V.

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread,
Are big with mercy and shall break, with blessings on your head.*

—William Cowper

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Why is it that God at times intervenes
and other times does not?

Did I not have enough faith?

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Is my Head and my Heart in
agreement?

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Coming to Grips Quiz

1. Is God on the throne?

Psa 11:4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

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Coming to Grips Quiz

1. Is God on the throne?
2. Does God have control?

Gen 45:8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

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Coming to Grips Quiz

1. Is God on the throne?
2. Does God have control?
3. Is God Kind?

Mat 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

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3. Is God Kind?
4. Could God change this problem?

Gen 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

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2. Does God have control?
3. Is God Kind?
4. Could God change this problem?
5. Have you asked him to change this?

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

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- If He is on the throne,
- has control,
- is kind,
- could change this,
- been petitioned to change this and does not!

What conclusion am I forced to make?

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- It is God's will & plan for me at this time to go through this painful thing!
- When this is realized, a miracle does take place*

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Conclusion:

- Let God be God
- Trust Him, it will make perfect sense one day.
- Job 42:12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning:

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