

5 Minutes on Faith
Embrace the Fire Trials of Life!
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Trials seem to come in waves and often when we least expect them; they can arise in our personal life relationships, our health, our jobs or businesses, in finances, and our walk with the LORD.

Trials in my experience are like seasons. They all have a beginning, middle and an end.

Let me share a quick story. Last night I noticed a Facebook post by a fabulous young woman, the daughter of my closest friend, who shared a bit about her sudden health challenge and hospitalization. This is a strong, vivacious woman in her early 40's that I would not expect to see in this situation. I immediately sent her a message and was blessed to share the things the LORD put in my heart to support her in this trial.

Every trial presents an opportunity to reflect on the issue at hand and to seek the LORD on what was overlooked, ignored or dismissed, that opened the door.

I have walked through many trials in my life. In retrospect I know I opened the door to most of them, somehow, either innocently pursuing something I felt called by the LORD to do (that resulted in significant backlash because I stood for God's Word), or, by willful engagement in a sketchy territory or relationship. Yes, indeed I have many battle scars!

As I look back on my life, I recognize the value of the fiery trials and am so grateful to come to understand that nothing I have ever done is wasted in God's because my test became a testimony.

Regardless of what challenges you are walking through today, or any day, please take these scriptures into your heart.

Isaiah 50:2 Thus says the LORD to Isaiah “Why was no one there when I came? Why didn’t anyone answer when I called? Is it because I have no power to rescue? No, that is not the reason! For I can speak to the sea and make it dry up! I can turn rivers into deserts...”

Isaiah 59:1 NLT “Listen! The LORD’s arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call.”

Let me close with this powerful scripture that I encourage you to embed deeply in your heart

Deuteronomy 31:6 “So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

Remember: The LORD is always in the midst of every fiery trial!