



**WE MUST LEARN
FROM OUR
AFFLICTIONS**

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Philippians 1:12

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters,[a] that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

1 Thessalonians 3:3-4

3 so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them.

4 In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know.

ACTS 20:22-23

22 “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.

23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.

Psalm 34:19

19 The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;

LUKE 5:23

23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

**WHAT DO WE LEARN
ABOUT AFFLICTIONS?**

1.

**EVERY AFFLICTION IS AN
INVESTMENT THAT GOD
IS MAKING IN US**

Psalm 66:10-12

10 For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

11 You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.

12 You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

Lamentations 3:33

33 For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

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2.

**HOW WE BEHAVE DURING
OUR TRIALS WILL
AFFECT THE OUTCOME**

3 WAYS WE WASTE OUR AFFLICTIONS

A.

WE WASTE TIME COMPLAINING

Numbers 27:3

3 “Our father died in the wilderness. He was not among Korah’s followers, who banded together against the Lord, but he died for his own sin and left no sons.

B.

**WE WASTE OUR AFFLICTIONS
WHEN WE FACE NEW ONES AND
FORGET HOW GOD DELIVERED US
FROM THE OLD ONES**

Deuteronomy 4:9

9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

C.

**WE WASTE OUR AFFLICTIONS
WHEN WE REFUSE THAT GOD
BRINGS US THRU THEM SO
WE CAN TEACH OTHERS**

GALATIANS 6:17

17 From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

3.

WHY DID GOD DELIVER YOU?

PSALM 18:16-19

16 He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. **17** He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. **18** They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. **19** He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

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