

God of Trials

Pt 8a

What Is the Purpose of Trials?

A Trial is...

- **the process of proving the quality or worth of...
...something or someone**
- **a test of your faith, patience or endurance...
...through the process of suffering**

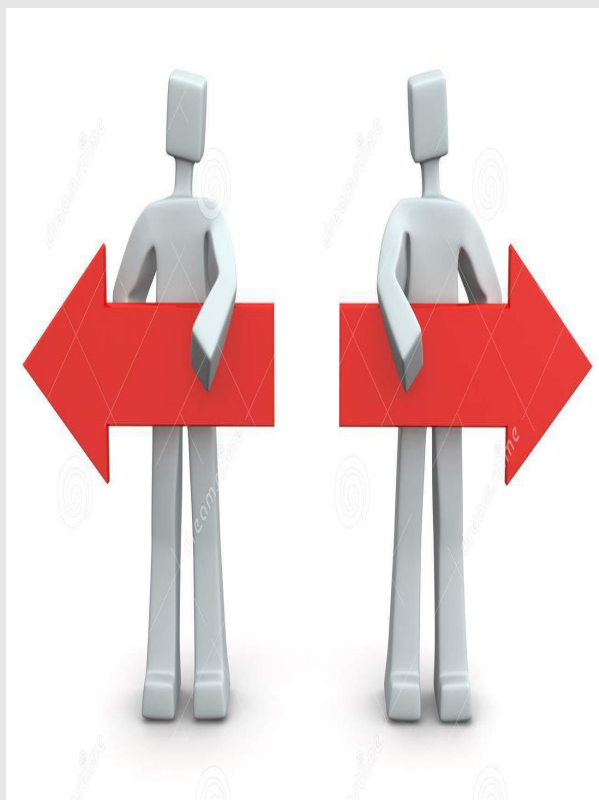
God Means It for Good

A Faith that has Not Been Tested...

...Cannot Be Trusted

Trials Never Leave You the Same ...

Bitter



Better

How to “Faith” Your Trials

F-ace Your Trial Positively....	v2
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Seasons of Suffering

•Winter... Suffering the Chills of Pain

*"Do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering,
as though something strange were happening to you." -1 Pet 4:12*

The Cold Winds of

- Sorrow**
- Tears**
- Heartache**

Blow into the Lives of Everyone...

...but as a Christian,

...You Have a Blanket of Strength Knowing that...

•**God Loves You.**

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

-Rom 8:38-39

•**God Is With You.**

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." -Hebrews 13:5

•**God Understands Your Weaknesses.**

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin."

-Hebrews 4:15

•**God Cares About Your Struggle.**

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." -1 Peter 5:7

•**God Controls Your Circumstances.**

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom/ power are his. He changes times/ seasons; he sets up kings/ deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise/ knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep/ hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness,/ light dwells with him. I thank/ praise you, O God of my fathers: You have given me wisdom/ power, you have made known to me what we asked of you." -

Dan 2:20-23

- **God Is Trustworthy.**

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" -Romans 11:33

- **God Increases His Provision.**

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." -Eph 3:20-21

- **God Redeems Your Mistakes.**

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." -Rom 8:37

- **God Gives Sufficient Grace.**

"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." -2 Cor 9:8

- **God Has Your Future In His Hands.**

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." -Isaiah 43:18-19