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TROUBLE PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE (PART 2)

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"And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character and character, hope." Romans 5:3-4, NKJV



Basically the Word teaches us that trouble produces endurance in us to continue in the race until we finish our course and see Jesus in the finale, which is our desire. I know my ultimate goal while living here is to live in such a way that I endure to the finish line. Paul is often referred to as mentioning he had finished his course and kept the faith, which he spoke before he died.

Haven't you noticed trouble comes into everyone's life, whether in Christ or not. Job 5:7 says, "But man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward." As much as I would like to think it so, being saved does not exempt us from trouble in life. Instead, our relationship in the Lord teaches us endurance in the time of trouble. The buffer is having the peace of God while living in our troubled world. Praise God for Jesus, who lived through a life of trouble and is recorded in scripture as having overcome the world (John 16:33). It is a good thing He did because having the peace of God that surpasses understanding provides us the calm needed when trouble comes. We can rest assured our God will see us through and that's why we can endure (persevere).

The Word of God is loaded with outlets for us to express our difficulty when troubled. We can seek Him, we can talk to Him, we can cry out to Him, and we can simply just cry before Him, just to name a few. The Lord isn't expecting us to act as though the trouble is not there, however, the trouble should not be greater than our God who can take us through it, move it, or take us around it; or whatever must be done to develop our spiritual character. One thing is certain; we don't quit or run away from trouble because we recognize it produces endurance (perseverance).

We are changed from the world in that when trouble comes we can persevere because we can run to the Rock, Jesus!

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