



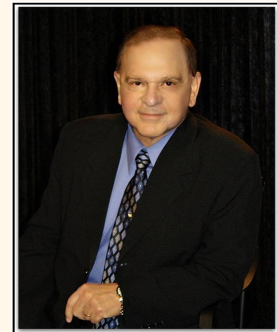
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Uncertain Times (*Suffering*) Will Build Christian Character

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The Lord is with us. So, let's remember what the psalmist said, "God is our refuge and strength, [He's] always ready to help [you] in times of trouble." (NLT-Psalms. 46:1 Quotations marks are mine).



Our society is driven by the desire to succeed so there will be no suffering. And if you're not one of the elite who enjoys this elusive plateau, you are labeled a failure. This kind of thinking is not biblical. To make matters worse, some preachers actually teach "If you're not making lots of money, you're not in God's will." This is certainly not the apostolic view of the early Christians who endured hardship and death. They were tortured, burned at the stake, starved, chained, thrown into prison to rot, and fed to wild beasts in Rome. Yet they shared whatever they had with each other (Acts 4:32-33) because they were filled with love.

To assume that the Christian lifestyle doesn't involve suffering is a mistake. The Bible says in Romans 5, verse 3 that "we can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us – they help us learn to endure" (NLT- quotation marks are mine). Think about this! As followers of Christ, we should actually grow stronger spiritually when we face problems and trials; i.e., when we suffer. I agree that it's not a lot of fun, but God's ultimate plan is to help us grow through suffering. Therefore, we must remember that when we endure suffering (trials), we are not alone. The Lord is with us. So, let's remember what the psalmist said, "God is our refuge and strength, [He's] always ready to help [you] in times of trouble." (NLT-Psalms. 46:1 Quotations marks are mine). ♥

"God, you're such a safe and



powerful place to find refuge!
You're a proven help in time of
trouble—
more than enough and always
available whenever I need
you.”



Happy Easter!!!

Psalms. 46:1, (The Passion)

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