TRAINED BY TROUBLE

The very thing we want removed from our lives, God leaves there to Test, Train & Transform us

These are the nations the Lord left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan 2 (he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience): 3 the five rulers of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites living in the Lebanon mountains from Mount Baal Hermon to Lebo Hamath. 4 They were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the Lord's commands, which he had given their ancestors through Moses.

JUDGES 3:1-4

5 The Israelites lived among the Canaanites,
Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and
Jebusites. 6 They took their daughters in
marriage and gave their own daughters to their
sons, and served their gods.

JUDGES 3:5-7

7 The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the
Lord; they forgot the Lord their God and served
the Baals and the Asherahs. 8 The anger of the
Lord burned against Israel so that he sold them
into the hands of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram
Naharaim, to whom the Israelites were subject
for eight years.

JUDGES 3:5-7

9 But when they cried out to the Lord, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother, who saved them. 10 The Spirit of the Lord came on him, so that he became Israel’s judge and went to war. The Lord gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him. 11 So the land had peace for forty years, until Othniel son of Kenaz died.sign, and we cannot deny it.

JUDGES 3:9-11

12 And Caleb said, “I will give my daughter Aksah in marriage to the man who attacks and captures Kiriath Sepher.” 13 Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother, took it; so Caleb gave his daughter Aksah to him in marriage.

JUDGES 1:12-13

TROUBLE TESTS YOU

TROUBLE TRAINS YOU

TROUBLE TURNS YOU TO GOD

GOD BRINGS TRIUMPH OUT OF TROUBLE

10 They disciplined us for a little while as they
thought best; but God disciplines us for our
good, in order that we may share in his
holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the
time, but painful. Later on, however, it
produces a harvest of righteousness and peace
for those who have been trained by it.
12 Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and
weak knees. 13 “Make level paths for your
feet,”so that the lame may not be disabled, but
rather healed.

HEBREWS 12:10-12

LET US PRAY.