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The Truth About Trouble

I Can't Believe This Happened

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What do you do when you get blind-sided and your whole world changes? It might be a temporary change, long-term change, or a life altering event.

FOUR THOUGHTS

1. What blind-sided us didn't blind-side God. God is never surprised or confused about the events of our lives.
2. Suffering is a part of life.

1 Peter 4:14-16

¹⁴ *So be happy when you are insulted for being a Christian, for then the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you.*

¹⁵ *If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs.*

¹⁶ *But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by His name!*

- If we suffer because of the consequences of sin in our life, then we should not be surprised.

- If we suffer because we are dedicated followers of Jesus Christ, then it is a badge of honor.

3. There is no area of our lives that goes unnoticed by God.
4. We can be blind-sided by a trial when we are doing our best to serve God.

REF 2 Corinthians 6:4-10

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

³ *All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.*

⁴ *He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.*

⁵ *For the more we suffer for Christ; the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.*

1. Is there a place of maturity that God is seeking?
2. Are you developing maturity?
3. Do you know that Jesus is the burden bearer?

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ *Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

²⁹ *Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

³⁰ *For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."*

Therefore Jesus issued a call to **all... who are weary** ("those tired from hard toil") **and burdened** ("those loaded down") to **come to Him**. People's weariness comes from *enduring* their burdens.

REF Hebrews 12.1,2

Before this Palm Sunday slips away, let me remind you that life this side of heaven comes with many burdens and many blessings. All hand crafted by the Father who love us, wants to develop us, grow us, and wants us to be like His Son, Jesus the Messiah.

*God bless you until next time.
Don't take people for granted.
Believe the best in people and express the best to people.
We love you and let's keep serving Christ with great joy.*