



**POWER THOUGHT** —> Discomforts produces growth in you and brings strengths to the surface of your life. Counterfeit comfort produces a staleness that suppresses spiritual strengths from ever surfacing in your life.

**JAMES 1:2-3 NIV**

**Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**

**BIBLICAL THOUGHT** —> The word ‘testing’ in the verse above in the greek is the word ‘dokimion’ and is the same word used to describe what a silversmith would do with raw silver. It’s a painful purpose that simply serves to bring out ultimate purity.

**MANY TIMES THE MOST VALUABLE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE ARE BROUGHT TO YOU THROUGH MOMENTS AND SEASON OF GREAT PAIN.**

**ROMANS 5:3-5 NIV**

**3 Not only so, but we also glory (some translations interpret the word ‘glory’ to be literal celebration) in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**

**GOD CAN CREATE GREAT PURPOSE FROM WITHIN OUR GREATEST PAIN!  
What areas of pain in your life can you apply this truth to?**

**CHALLENGE #2**

**>>>>>KNOW THIS EARTHLY LIFE IS NOT YOUR BEST LIFE<<<<<<<**

**ROMANS 8:18-19 NLT**

**Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.**

**POWER THOUGHT** —> The longing you have for comfort is wired for the comfort God has for you in eternity. We don’t live for this life or for the things in ‘the world’ which will always produce an emptiness. Live your life focused on the life He has waiting for you in eternity!

**PRAY:** God, I repent from chasing after things that carry no eternal value. I resign from pursuing counterfeit comforts. I want my life filled with and focused on You even in times of great pain. Thank you for being my true source of comfort in all. Thank you that with you I can smile, even in a trial. You are my joy, You are my comfort, You are my everything. In Jesus' name I pray. **AMEN.**