

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ...Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. — James 5:7-11,13-14 ESV

TAILLIGHTS IN THE STORM

1. God is not the _____ of evil & suffering

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Genesis 1:31

He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is! Deuteronomy 32:4 NLT

2. God can _____ my pain for His _____

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 NLT

- to draw people to Christ — 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- to sharpen our character — Romans 5:3
- to discipline His children — Hebrews 12:10-11

3. God is _____ in my pain

The Lord is close to all whose hearts are crushed by pain... Psalm 34:18 TPT

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1 ESV

HOW TO BE STEADFAST IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

(1) Remember heaven is _____ than it seems — 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

(2) Stick _____ — 2 Corinthians 1:6

(3) Cue the _____ — Isaiah 40:31