

Before I Go

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“If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. Do you remember what I told you? ‘A slave is not greater than the master.’ Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you... I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” – John 15:18-20; 16:33 (NLT)

“Pain Is Part of the Journey”

False ideas about pain & suffering:

God is sending it to _____.

We’re not following _____.

We don’t have enough _____.

We’re not _____ hard enough.

We should be _____.

Don’t take pain & suffering _____.

For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.

– Matthew 5:45 (NLT)

Suffering is the common ground for ALL people!

Change your _____ on pain & difficulties.

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 be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. – Romans 5:3-4 (TLB)

**Don’t focus on the struggle,
focus on the strengthening!**

Don’t focus on the pain, focus on the progress!

Don’t focus on the injustice, focus on the honor!

**Though Jesus won’t exempt us from suffering,
He will _____!**

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– John 16:33 (NLT)