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CHASING AFTER GOD'S HEART



**A world full of sin is
a world full of pain.**

No matter what precautions we take, no matter how well we have put together a good life, no matter how hard we have worked to be healthy, wealthy, comfortable with friends and family, and successful with our career — something will inevitably ruin it.

Tim Keller

Christianity teaches that, contra fatalism, suffering is overwhelming; contra Buddhism, suffering is real; contra karma, suffering is often unfair; but contra secularism, suffering is meaningful. There is a purpose to it, and if faced rightly, it can drive us like a nail deep into the love of God and into more stability and spiritual power than you can imagine.

Tim Keller

We rarely know the purpose of our pain but we can always know there is a purpose to our pain.

It isn't the absence or presence of
pain that grows our faith...
it's our response to pain that
makes all the difference.







What do you lean on
most when life hurts?

As they danced, they sang: “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.”

Saul was very **angry**; this refrain displeased him greatly. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?”

1 Samuel 18:8 NIV

And from that time on Saul kept a
close eye on David.

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1 Samuel 18:10 NIV

and he hurled it, saying to himself,
“I’ll pin David to the wall.” But
David eluded him twice.

Then David **fled** from Nain in the hill country of Ephraim at Ramah and went to Jonathan and asked, “What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to kill me?”

1 Samuel 20:1 NIV

Yet as surely as the Lord lives and
as you live, there is **only a step**
between me and death.”

1 Samuel 20:3 NIV

David went to Nob, to Ahimelek the priest. Ahimelek trembled when he met him, and asked, “Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?”

That day David fled from Saul and
went to Achish king of Gath.

David left Gath and escaped to
the cave of Adullam.



I cry out to the Lord; I plead for the
Lord's **mercy**.

I pour out my **complaints** before
him and tell him all my troubles.

When I am **overwhelmed**, you
alone know the way I should turn.
Wherever I go, my enemies have
set traps for me.

Psalm 142:3 NLT

I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; **no one cares** a bit what happens to me.

Psalm 142:4 NLT

I am in the midst of **lions**; I am forced to dwell among ravenous beasts— men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

Psalm 57:4 NIV

Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say,
“You are my place of **refuge**. You
are all I really want in life.

Psalm 142:5 NLT

My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is **steadfast**; I will sing and make music.

Psalm 57:7 NIV

Despite how things look, sound,
and feel...God can be trusted.

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God's plan, God's timing, God's way

When things feel bleakest...
God is closest.

The Lord is close to the
brokenhearted and saves those
who are **crushed** in spirit.

Psalm 34:18 NIV

Everything isn't good, but
everything will be good,
because God is good.

**When life is out of my control,
I will trust it's under God's control.**