



PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

**You Turn Sorrow into Joy**

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# QUESTION

Has anything caused sorrow in your life?

# TRUTHS ABOUT ROMANS 8:28

- God uses things for our good but not all things are good.
- God works things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to his purpose.
- God may work things together for good in this lifetime or after we are gone

# QUOTE

There are two sorts of people in the world: those who say to God thy will be done, and those to whom God says thy will be done.

- C.S. Lewis

## 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. <sup>5</sup> For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup> If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. <sup>7</sup> And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

# DEFINITIONS

## **Mercy**

Holding back what someone deserves.

## **Grace**

Getting what someone doesn't deserve.

## **2 CORINTHIANS 1:4**

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## **JAMES 1:2-4**

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.



## **2 CORINTHIANS 4:17**

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

# QUESTION

Is there a purpose in our pain?

## **1 PETER 5:10**

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

# QUOTE

"God doesn't spare me of thirst,  
but He brings water." NB

# QUOTE

"It's important that everyone knows that I'm much more than the bad things that happened to me." NB

# QUOTE

"Our pain gives us a platform to speak to others." PD

# **CHURCH SIGN**

Prayer is where  
burdens change shoulders.

## **PSALM 30:11-12**

You turned my wailing into dancing;  
you removed my sackcloth and  
clothed me with joy, <sup>12</sup> that my heart  
may sing your praises and not be  
silent. LORD my God, I will praise you  
forever.



# JOHN 16:16-24

**16** Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”**17** At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” **18** They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”**19** Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?”

# JOHN 16:16-24

**20** Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. **21** A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. **22** So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. **23** In that day you will no longer ask me anything.

Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. **24** Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

# QUOTE

We are more than the bad things  
that happen to us. Ink

# QUOTE

You can't wait until life isn't too hard for you to decide to be happy. - NB