

# THE BIBLE DOESN'T SAY THAT

## What the Bible Doesn't Say: "Suffering always comes from sin ."

1. Sometimes we experience suffering as a result \_\_\_\_\_.

**Galatians 6:8 NKJV** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

2. Sometimes our suffering is a result of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 11:30 NKJV** For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

3. God may permit suffering so we might \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 2:21 NKJV** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

4. Sometimes God permits us to suffer to \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 16:33 NKJV** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

5. Always suffering provides an \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NKJV** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

**Quote:** Nothing happens to believers that surprises God. he may allow suffering for a time, knowing that it will strengthen His people's faith. Suffering always provides the opportunity to trust God.

“ God never explained Job's suffering or helped him make sense of his loss. Instead, God underlined the reality of His sovereignty and the fact that He acts on His won without human advice or explanation. He expects people to trust Him and His goodness regardless of what happens. Although Job's health and wealth were eventually restored, that is not the central message of the story. The book of Job shows us that our love for God must not be conditioned on how we think He is treating us. Great suffering well borne is an indication of unshakable trust in God.

Faith must be maintained through times of trial as well as times of blessings. Such faith reflects God's nature in us, His redeeming power in Christ, and His unconditional love toward us. No matter what we face in life, we can trust that God is in control. We must rely on Him and His goodness.

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“ We can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

**C. S. Lewis,** *The Problem of Pain*

