

Certainty in Suffering

2 Corinthians 7:5-10

“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

1. I can know for certain that God will _____ me when I'm hurting.

“Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people And will have compassion on His afflicted.”

Isaiah 49:13 (NASB)

a. By His _____.

b. By His _____.

“This is my comfort in my affliction, That Your word has revived me.” Psalm 119:50 (NASB)

c. By His _____.

“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 affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NASB)

2. I can know for certain that God will _____ me when I stray.

“It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?” *Hebrews 12:7 (NASB)*

“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.” *Hebrews 12:11 (NASB)*

“Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.” *Psalm 119:67 (NASB)*

“Repentance is God's grace-filled invitation to rethink the direction of our lives.” ---- Joby Martin