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2 Corinthians 6:4–10

Verses 4–5

“Yet in all of that God delivered them!”

- 2 Corinthians 1
- 2 Corinthians 2:14

Do you think Paul was not led by the Spirit? No, sometimes there are special operations that go into harm's way... special ops.

Sometimes we're led into the middle of a situation to bring the power of God and peace of God and the answer.

But to get there was:

- Tumults
- Sleeplessness
- Tribulations
- And even pressure

Sometimes there is no other way to fulfill what God has called you to do but go forward and through it when you don't feel like it...

- You go into the storm like Jesus did, and you rule and reign. — Mark 4
- You go into the fight like David did and come out the other side.
- You get thrown into the den of lions, but God sustains you and brings a testimony that turns a nation.
- You get thrown into the fiery furnace but come out unharmed.
- Jesus did with the cross for us...

You cannot ascertain the will of God by trials or lack of trials, but by His Word and His Spirit leading our lives.

Example: Matthew 14:22–33 — Jesus Came to Them in a Storm

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Jesus came to the disciples when they were on the boat, tossed and under distress. He didn't avoid it. He came right into the middle of it and changed it by the power of God.

That's what we do. We are agents of change!

- We bring the answer.
- We bring the power.
- We bring the blessing.
- We bring the answer.
- We bring the peace.
- We bring the joy.
- We bring the power of God!

2 Corinthians 2:15–17 — Fragrance of Christ!! Everywhere We Go.

Paul goes on later to talk about these things in 2 Corinthians 6, that as a minister of God, he said, "I was a minister by the Holy Spirit, by the power of God."

We don't shy away from the battle. We expect to always win and come through because of the triumph in Christ Jesus!

Sometimes you can find yourself in these situations...

Was Paul out of the will of God when he went through those things in 2 Corinthians chapter 11?

Or was he just on the front lines clearing a path for me and you...

Luke 4

When Jesus preached and then they kicked Him out of town and tried to throw Him off a cliff, was He out of the will of God?

Or just simply kicking the devil out of town and stirring up every devil.

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Example: Africa Trip — Divine Assignments

The Lord said:

“Thank you for going.” He said, “Many are unwilling to go...”

I thought that was a strange statement—not that I don't agree with it—but the Lord knew what it was going to take to get to those people in the middle of nowhere, and the push and the faith. (2 Corinthians 6. Like He was preparing me.)

And then He began to speak to me about how we were there for a divine purpose.

And that we were there digging the wells, breaking up the fallow ground, that He would do **signs and wonders for that whole region to be in awe of Him again!!**

- I know we had a divine assignment!
- I believe we accomplished what we were supposed to accomplish.
- We saw a mighty gusher!!
- That will only be the beginning for this area.

But to see the fulfillment of the divine assignment required us walking in 2 Corinthians 6:4–10.

Recognizing that this is part of the Gospel.

Philippians 2:28–30 — Epaphras

Not regarding his life! Wow.

Jesus said if you lose your life for My sake, you'll find it.

Acts 15:26

Another place says these are the men who have risked their lives for the Gospel.

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3 John 1:8**

Another talks about these are fellow workers for the truth...

2 Timothy 2:3

Enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ...

Example

I have not been up without sleep that long since I was on drugs... haha.

I actually felt delirious at one point. Mentally and physically, I felt like breaking down and crying and quitting, and yet right in the middle of it, the grace of God, the joy of the Lord, the Holy Ghost—where they're helping me—and then what would come out of my mouth:

"Oh God, help me. Strengthen me. Quicken me. Thank You for helping me. Praise You, God. Bless You, Jesus. Thank You for coming through this, getting over this, in Jesus' name!"

2 Timothy 4:17-18

Paul said He delivered us and whom we trust that He will still deliver us.

We don't have to suffer and do what he did... and you don't have to suffer what He redeemed us from!

But what you and I suffer is choosing not to quit when you feel like it, refusing to get down, depressed or defeated, and choosing God's Word in the middle of it!

- Persevering
- Not quitting
- Not backing down
- Not drawing back
- Not losing your confession and expectation in God
- Willing to lose it all for Him

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**This is faith! This pleases God!! This honors God, and God will honor you
and bring you through and give you a testimony!**

And He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him!

**I Want You to Expect That When You Suffer for Christ, You Will Be Blessed
by Christ!!**

God does not forget!

So don't think that the challenges you face today mean that somehow you've missed it, you're out of the will of God, He's mad at you, and you lose your confidence and boldness...

It might have nothing to do with God being mad at you. It might just be the devil trying to resist you... and stop you.

If you think that, then one would think that Jesus and Paul were out of the will of God their whole ministry. But they weren't. They were just on the front lines for God, and it was evident that something was trying to stop them and fight back...

Don't let him convince you that it's God. It's not! It's the devil!

The pressure, the temptation, the thought, him trying to push you out of what God has for you... you push back with the Word, with the Holy Ghost, and give God the chance to deliver you and turn it for your good and His glory.

**No, rise up in faith today and say, "I am coming out the other side in
Jesus' name!! With a testimony!!"**

When you go through these things for God and His will for your life, it's commendable. — 2 Corinthians 6

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Example

I want you to know that not only did God bring us through and do miracles and gave us breakthrough, but He blessed us, comforted us, consoled us, and rewarded us.

- 2 Corinthians 1
- He caused us to triumph — 2 Corinthians 2:14
- When you feel like quitting or at your wits' end, **God will turn it again.**

What You Suffer Today Cannot Be Compared With the Glory That Shall Be Revealed!!!

- Romans 8:17
- 2 Corinthians 4:17
- Romans 8:37–39

So, I don't think it strange when the fiery trial comes to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you!

But rejoice!

- 1 Peter 1:6
- 1 Peter 4:12
- The trial of your faith!

Testimony

God has comforted us and consoled us!

- Through a nice hotel
- Food
- Safari

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This week there is some comfort and consolation for you!! What we went through works for your comfort and consolation!! Receive it today in Jesus' name!!

When You Go Through Affliction for Christ, You Should Expect Resurrection From Christ!

Partake of the suffering, we will also partake of the glory!

1 Peter 4:13

When you suffer for Christ, you should expect to be blessed by Christ!

- 1 Peter 4
- He who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin... in other words, when you choose God, His way, His Word, Jesus, obey—when you don't feel like it but you choose to persevere, declare Philippians 4:13 and trust God—there is a blessing!
- Any affliction you go through for Christ, He will bless your life!
- So every problem, hardship, trial, you and I should see it different... Hallelujah!

Blessing is coming, blessing is flowing, resurrection is coming, life is flowing, the devil restoring sevenfold.

- 1 Peter 4:1–2
- 1 Peter 4:12–19

Example

I was walking around the airport saying:

“I rejoice, I count it all joy...”

James 1:2

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Every choice you have made to honor Him, His Word, His way, and were persecuted for it, had pressure to do something else but you chose Him, **there is blessing and reward for that! That is the sufferings of Christ!**

- Philippians 3:11
- Direct suffering for the Gospel, and then indirect.
- Indirect is when over friends, work colleagues, opinions, temptation, sin, pressure from the devil that is unseen...
- There is pressure from Satan that is unseen. It is not always seen like when Jesus and Paul were whipped for their faith—39 lashes.
- Any pressure to not obey the Gospel of God is pressure from the enemy.

But when you, regardless of pressure, continue—Hallelujah!!

Don't Quit. Don't Stop. Push Onward Trusting God.

Not only do you get breakthrough:

2 Corinthians 2:14

And also there is blessing, reward... for diligently seeking the Lord!

Declare

Everything God has told you to do in this season, as you do it diligently regardless of any pressure trying to get you to compromise or stop:

God will deliver and cause you to come out on top!! And bless you!

And you'll have a testimony...

- A testing time turned into a rejoicing time.
- Turned my mourning into dancing.
- Garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.
- Turned our captivity—we were like those who dreamed!

Psalms 126

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Trials and tribulations don't come from God. They come from the enemy's attempt to stop us!

And stop the Gospel and Christ in us... — 1 Thessalonians 2

- John 16:33 — and we are in Him...

Now, this is not an excuse to have some type of bad suffering, “woe is me” doctrine. **We are not defeatists!**

No, Paul was simply recognizing:

“The devil is trying to stop me, but he can’t!”

And he just dug his heels in with God's Word and with the Holy Ghost and obedience, and God gave him the breakthrough and blessed him.

WE ARE VICTORIOUS.

But as we choose God's Word and His way through trials, God brings us out with silver and gold, healing and health, turns our captivity, Strengthens us, establishes us, settles us, perfects us...

Hebrews 11:6 — Seek; Rewarder.