

## THE FREEDOM THAT PAIN OFFERS

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### #1 - PAIN GETS = OUR ATTENTION

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Pr. 20:30 (GN)

"Sometimes it takes a PAINFUL SITUATION to make us CHANGE OUR WAYS."

2 Cor. 7:9 (LB)

"I am glad. . . NOT because it hurt you BUT because THE PAIN TURNED YOU TO GOD."

### #2 - PAIN DIRECTS US - TO DEPEND ON GOD'S LOVE

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2 Cor 1:8-10 TLB

<sup>8</sup>- I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really CRUSHED and OVERWHELMED, and FEARED we would NEVER LIVE through it. <sup>9</sup>- We felt we were DOOMED TO DIE and saw how POWERLESS WE WERE TO HELP OURSELVES; but THAT WAS GOOD, for then we PUT EVERYTHING INTO THE HANDS OF GOD, WHO ALONE could SAVE US, for HE CAN EVEN RAISE THE DEAD. <sup>10</sup>- And HE DID HELP US and SAVED US FROM A TERRIBLE DEATH; yes, and we EXPECT HIM TO DO IT AGAIN AND AGAIN.

Rom. 8:28 (NLT)

"We know that GOD causes EVERYTHING to WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD of those who LOVE GOD and are called according to HIS PURPOSE for them."

### #3 - PAIN TEACHES US - TO FOLLOW GOD'S WORD

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Ps 119:71NLT

MY SUFFERING WAS GOOD FOR ME, for it taught me to PAY ATTENTION to YOUR DECREES.

### #4 - PAIN SHOWS US = THAT WE NEED EACH OTHER

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Eccl. 4:9-10 (NCV)

"TWO PEOPLE ARE BETTER THAN ONE...If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is BAD FOR THE PERSON WHO IS ALONE AND FALLS, because NO ONE is there to help."