

Growing Through Adversity

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Summary of the Message

As we study about Overcoming Trials and Temptation based on James 1:12, one way to do it is growing through Adversities, once we understand that God works in all things for the good of those who loves Him; even in difficult times, God works in the midst of them all.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

1. Could you name a biblical person who grew through adversity?

We see that people like Job, Joseph and Paul grew through adversity. Being an example, they never lost their faith on God and were faithful to Him.

2. Could you name the adversity you’ve been facing?

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kind, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let the perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4

This text shows the same idea of “all things” of Romans 8:28, as “whenever” means the in every single circumstance or trials we can rejoice because God is going to be with us. He expects something from us: how are you responding to them?

3. How are you responding to those adversities? Are you learning from it?

There are only two ways to respond, and they are: learn from it or be buried by it.

“Adversity is going to be a teacher or a grave digger.” Hernandes Dias Lopes

4. Why are you not growing??

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” John 15:4

Many times, we take responds like murmuring, complaining, looking only to our flesh and worries of the things of this world and doing things on our own strength, we do not do what

God calls us to do: remain in Him. If we are not growing, probably we are not remaining in God.

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. What is the first things that comes into your mind when it comes to “adversity”?
2. What is the first thing by your instinct do you have the tendency to do when adversity comes?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

1. What does it mean to remain in God?
2. What points of view, behaviors and beliefs that keeps us from responding to adversities the way God would want us to and grow?

Start Sharing

1. Have you ever felt like you were growing and overcame it? What did you do?

Start Doing: Commit to Act

1. What do you need to do, change, decide or commit to make your adversity your teacher and not a grave digger?

If needed, ask for help to your leader to keep you accountable for the decisions you make.

2. Praying.

Heavenly Father, thank you for not keeping us the same but encourages us to change and grow for your glory. Forgive us for the so many times we got stuck looking only to ourselves and murmuring. Help us to make a change and be perseverant to the praise of your glory. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Announcements:

- Be part of our team - become a volunteer.
- HOP every Friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua, it goes straight to The Way Ministry.
- The Way Camp – Third Batch on sale (R\$380,00)