

Training Through Trials - Job 23:10 (8/9/17)

Illus: Exercise requires resistance to build physical strength.

NASA-artificial resistance.

God uses resistance to exercise us to spiritual fitness 1 Ti 4:8

Life is not perfection, but progression or process.

Athletes train for Game Day, God trains us to perform also.

Illus: The Weights God uses are Trials/Struggles. Job 23:10

Illus: With weight training, we always use a spotter to escape being crushed. In 2012-460K were injured.

Jesus is our spotter. "a way of escape" I Cor 10:13

What Exercise is to Athletes; Trials are to Christians.

Illus: Chinese word for "Crisis" is the combination of the 2 words, "Danger" and "Opportunity"

We often see danger, But not opportunity. 1 Peter 1:7

Illus: Hayfield-2A-days: Trials are to the Christian what Conditioning Practices are to the Football players.

In a Trial, God runs us through the drills of the Fundamentals

I. Expect the Trials: (Jn 16:33) (1 Peter 4:12)

a. The Goal of Trials are Strength and Usability:

Illus: to create usable tools, the metal must be heated.

Making a Screw Driver - Molded through Hammering.

Fire Hardens – Friction Sharpens!

b. **Trials are for Chastising:** *Illus: Can we honestly say we are submitted & filled with the Spirit all the time?*

c. **Not sure, ask the person sitting next to you, they will clear that up!** (Heb 12:6,11) *"Exercised Thereby"*

d. **Trouble comes to Change Us or Chastisement!** (1 Cor 11:30) *God has to Train Us Like a Child!*

e. *Discipline is Part of Training. (Prov 13:24)*

II. **Excited by Trials: (I Pet 4:13)** *Don't run from them, Embrace Them!*

a. **Be Excited, Trials Condition Us: (2 Tim 2:3)**
It takes Heat to make metal strong. - (Hardness)

b. **Be Excited, Trials Conform Us: (Acts 5:40-42)**
We Identify With our Savior! (Gal 6:17)

III. **Embrace the Trials: (1 Pet 4:15-16)** *Thank Him for It! He is working on us! (Phil 1:6)*

a. **Conforming us to be like Christ: (Rom 8:29)**

b. **God knows what we need to be usable: Molding Us (Rom 9:20-21)** *Friction makes the tools smooth/precise*

IV. **Evangelize in the Trials: (I Pet 4:17-18)**

a. **Now is not the Time to quit!** *Be Real in the Trial!*

#1 *Mechanical walk with God. Got Hurt, Correction Resistant*

b. **The World is Watching: (1 Pet 3:14-17)**

c. (Jn 9:3) *God's purposes are bigger than us/our situation*
"A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted"

d. *If a Friend had cancer, would they come to you for Encouragement, Hope, Faith? (Eph 2:10)*

(Esther 4:14c) *"who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

V. **Earnest in the Trial: (1Pet4:19)** *"Commit"-Banking Term*

a. **God Promises Interest on your Investment of Faith:**

i. (Is 49:15-16) *God sees, God Rewards, You may not see it, but He does.*

ii. (Rom 5:3-4) *God uses trials to build upon our faith*

iii. (2 Tim 1:12) **Commitment** – *Giving it all to Him*

Illus: Everyone has Trials, We inherited Dysfunctionaliry, Adam/Eve: Broken Homes, Physical, Financial, Betrayal,

Illus: Lodge Poll Pine! A Fire-dependent species

We are Trial-Dependent Species: It takes Trials to for us to bear fruit.

iv. **Be Fruitful in the Trials: (Heb 12:11)**