



God's Paradigm With Problems

Paradigm Shift – Part 5

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Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

Since Jesus went through everything you're going through and more, learn to think like him. Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way. Then you'll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want. **1 Peter 4:1-2 (MSG)**

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. **1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)**

What does God think of my problems?

1. God thinks my problems are a normal part of life.

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My friends, don't be surprised at the painful things that you are now suffering... Don't think that something strange is happening to you. **1 Peter 4:12 (ERV)**

Then he said to them, "My anguish is so great that I feel as if I'm dying. Wait here, and stay awake with me." **Matthew 26:38 (NOG)**

You have stood by me in the troubles that have tested me. **Luke 22:28 (GWT)**

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world. **John 16:33 (NLT)**

2. God thinks my problems are temporary.

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. **1 Peter 1:6 (NLT)**

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. **2 Corinthians 4:17a (NLT)**

3. God thinks my problems have a purpose.

Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." **Matthew 16:23 (NLT)**

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Why should I be glad to face my problems?

- Facing My Problems will develop my faith.
- Facing My Problems will build my character.
- Facing My Problems will bring eternal rewards.

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! **2 Corinthians 4:17 (NLT)**

Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When

you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again,
item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will
shoot adrenaline into your souls!

Hebrews 12:2-3 (MSG)