

Is it in Vain?

“Have you experienced so much for nothing?
Surely it was not in vain, was it?” (Galatians 3:4).

For the past two weeks, I have been spending most of my waking hours with people in various levels of pain. I wish I could say pain in life is unavoidable, but the truth is, pain is very much a part of life. The good news is, pain doesn't change who God is, or what God has for you.

The Bible is filled with stories about individuals dealing with suffering or enduring pain in life. No matter who you are, no matter where you are in life- pain is a part of it. There was not one individual who's pain was in vain, so why would your pain be in vain?

No matter how tired or exhausted you feel, God doesn't want you to stay there. Today's topic is about throwing away all that you have learned, especially what you have learned through adversity.

The truth is, any suffering you endure isn't in vain. His Word shows us to trust Him through it. His Word shows that everything you go through has eternal aspects or rewards attached to it. Galatians 3:4, “Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?” This is saying, nothing is in vain. In other words, did you undergo such a number of things to no purpose, if it is in fact to no purpose?

You have a choice in how you walk it out. You can allow painful circumstances to overwhelm you and be miserable, or not. If you allow misery to prevail, you will most likely move farther away from Him into the unwanted consequences of doubt and unbelief. Your suffering is not pointless!

God will perfect, or complete what He started in you and after all, isn't life really all about HIM and your relationship with HIM.

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