

Marked Eternal

Okay. I had something else planned for today...When will I learn to NOT plan! Here it goes:

No matter who you are, no matter where you are in life, God has a plan for you life and you can bet difficulties will be a part of it. Every difficulty you face has eternal purposes attached. Every difficulty matters to God. The truth is, that in this life you will experience either physical pain, emotional pain, mental anguish and what feels like spirit upheaval.

Friends, we are human. We have tendency's that try to stop whatever hurts us. Many times, when we can not see the purpose for our pain, we struggle with what is happening and try to stop it. Something deep within cries for it to stop or to know why it is happening.

Think about this. There are massive commercials bombarding us about pain relievers or things to ease the pain or make life easier. Each one promises to take away, stop or ease whatever ails us. When we can't see His purposes in a trial or problem, we struggle even more. We try to make sense of things, only we can't seem to find sense anywhere around. I know many are under an avalanche of pain and some are looking for a quick fix to stop the pain. Many are being deceived by the father of lies and it's adding chaos to their lives.

A maturing walk is one filled with trust in Him, faith and perseverance. It's a walk that stays focused on God's purposes and endures all the troubles that come along. Too often, our tendency is to avoid the problems, troubles or difficulties because we don't want the emotional suffering that comes with them. We ignore things that we need to deal with.

Take courage, this is when we grow and mature. It is those very times that we need to trust God knowing He is not going to tell us anything except at His appointed time. Pain is inevitable. Pain is unavoidable. Pain is a part of life. I once heard pain is part of life, but misery is optional. WOW! Misery is optional? Yep, and it's your choice!

We can be miserable or not. It really is our choice (there's that word choice again). My dear friends, you must trust that He will show you what you need to know in His appointed time. "Though your understanding tarries, wait for it."

The Bible has many stories about individuals suffering or enduring pain in life. The good news is that whenever we suffer, our suffering isn't in vain. No pain is in vain. If their pain wasn't in vain, why would our pain be in vain? Everything we go through has eternal purposes 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. And here is good news! Nothing means nothing.

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