



APRIL 2

Passage: Psalm 119:65-72

Have you ever gone through something, where you caused it or not, and on the other side realized that going through that trial or situation was actually good for you. Like the situation helped you to grow in some way. That's what the Psalmist shows us today. As you begin your devotion pray the Lord would open your heart to his word.

READ & DIG. Read Psalm 119:65-72 (underline every reference to God's Word.)

TRIALS OPEN OUR EYES. Sometimes in life we get to a point where we realize we cannot do this thing on our own. Maybe you're going through a trial or situation that is been wearing on you. Pray that the Lord would open your eyes during it. Maybe through this trial the Lord is trying to help you see when you have distanced yourself from him! Regardless of the case for the Psalmist and us too trials sometimes work as wake up calls to us!

TRIALS MAKE US DEPEND ON GOD. The difficult circumstances we face in life open our eyes and they bring us closer to God! When our eyes are open here is what we find – we can't do it on our own... these trials push us to lean on him! There is a catchy saying everyone always says, *God will never put anything on you heavier than what you can bare.* The truth is this – he will! He will allow things to come our way that are too heavy for us! Why? So that we will lean on him! When you face trials are you depending on yourself or on God?

GOD USES TRIALS FOR OUR GOOD. Verse 71... don't miss v71! This is cool, goes back to the intro up there. Check out how the Psalmist responds in light of his afflictions, his pain, his trials... HE SAYS IT WAS GOOD FOR HIM! Ha... how often do we say that... it's as if he is thanking the Lord that he went through what he did because it was for his good! How was it good? The rest of the verse helps us see that his trials helped him to learn God's word [your statutes]! The truth in this is that God uses the trials we face for our good. He grows us in them, sanctifies us through them!

I hope you see one thing through this – trials are difficult in life but they are not ultimate and the Lord does not forsake us in them. He is using them for our good and sometimes that good is making us realize we need him!

Apply & GO

Trials in life drive us to depend on God and pushes us to trust he is using them for our good! SO – In trials and difficulties in life, **ask the question – what is God trying to show me?** When life gets overwhelming, too much for you to bare – **lean on God and his Word!** End today in prayer, thanking God for allowing or bringing the trials that have brought you to where you are. Ask him to continue to work in your life regardless of what that looks like!

