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How God Uses Suffering

Creek Kids Leaders,

Scripture shows us something powerful about suffering. God uses it to both add something to us and take something from us. It is not wasted by God.

In Romans 5, Paul says suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope. James says trials make us mature and complete. Hebrews says discipline produces a harvest of righteousness and peace. These are all things God adds to us through difficulty. Strength. Depth. Wisdom. Steadiness. Hope.





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But Scripture also shows that trials remove things too. Peter says suffering is like a refining fire that takes impurities out of gold. Isaiah calls it the furnace of affliction. Jesus says the Father prunes every branch so it will be more fruitful. Hard seasons take away pride, self-reliance, false hopes, and anything that keeps us from bearing good fruit.

So God uses suffering to build what we lack and burn away what we do not need.

He strengthens what should grow and removes what holds us back.





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That is true for us as leaders. It is true for the kids and families we serve. And it reminds us that God does His deepest work not only in the easy moments, but in the stretching ones.

Thank you for walking faithfully with Him, no matter the season.

I am grateful for you!

Blessings,
Dave

