

## ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

Don't be surprised at the painful trials you are suffering as though something strange were happening to you . . . those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

1 Peter 4:12, 19

We have just complete our 40 days of purpose spiritual growth campaign. It has been a wonderful time of growth for so many. Often, after such times of blessing, believers are challenged with problems. I find many Christians automatically think that when they have problems they must be out of God's will. That "ain't necessarily so." The verses from the Bible at the top of this outline remind us that there are times in life when we "suffer according to God's will" I want to share with you today what I think is the Biblical perspective for looking at our problems. I believe God uses our problems in five different ways.

### FIVE WAYS GOD USES PROBLEMS IN MY LIFE

**1. God uses problems to d\_\_\_\_\_ me.**

Proverbs 20:30 (GN)

**Ask: Where is this problem I\_\_\_\_\_ me?**

**2. God uses problems to i\_\_\_\_\_ me.**

Deuteronomy 8:2

James 1:2-4

Isaiah 48:10

**Ask: What does it r\_\_\_\_\_ about me?**

**3. God uses problems to c\_\_\_\_\_ me.**

Psalms 119:71

Hebrews 12:7 (LB)

**Ask: What is this t\_\_\_\_\_ me?**

**4. God uses problems to p\_\_\_\_\_ me.**

1 Peter 3:17

Genesis 50:20

**Ask: What is being p\_\_\_\_\_ ?**

**5. God uses problems to p\_\_\_\_\_ me.**

Romans 5:3, 4 (LB)

**Ask: How can I g\_\_\_\_\_ from this problem?**