

The Prosperity Problem

Twisted – Part 2

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32 (NLT)

Twisted Truth: The more faith I have, the better my life circumstances become.

Real Truth: Problems are inevitable, faith makes them purposeful.

“I told you these things so that you can have peace in me. In this world you WILL have trouble, but be brave! I have defeated the world.” John 16:33 (NCV)

God uses problems to...

...deepen my faith.

“Their purpose is to prove that your faith is genuine. Even gold, which can be destroyed, is tested by fire; and so your faith, which is much more precious than gold, must also be tested, so that it may endure.” 1 Peter 1:7 (GNT)

“But God knows the way that I take, and when he has tested me, I will come out like gold.” Job 23:10 (NCV)

...develop my character.

“We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope. And this hope will never disappoint us...” Romans 5:3-5 (NCV)

“For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son.” Romans 8:29 (NLT)

“Endure until your testing is over. Then you will be mature and complete...” James 1:4 (GWT)

...direct my life.

“Lord, your discipline is good, for it leads to life and health...” Isaiah 38:16 (NLT)

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

...display His power.

“...This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.” John 9:3 (NLT)

“...This shows that the great power is from God, not from us. We have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated...” 2 Corinthians 4:7-8 (NCV)