



TRUSTING GOD IN DIFFICULT TIMES - 1 IN LIFE'S CHANGES

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1. CHANGE IS

Gen 8:22 "As long as the earth remains, there will be springtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night." (NLT)

- i. There is no growth without _____
- ii. There is no change without _____
- iii. There is no loss without _____
- iv. There is no grief without _____

2. NOT ALL CHANGE IS - GOD CAN USE IT FOR

Rom. 8:28 "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (NIV)

3. GOD USES HUMAN

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

4. CHANGE IS A

1 Peter 1:7 "The purpose of these troubles is to test your faith as fire tests how genuine gold is. Your faith is more precious than gold, and by passing the test, it gives praise, glory, and honour to God." (GW)

GROWING FROM CHANGE

1.
Jer. 29:13 "If you look for me in earnest, you will find me when you seek me."

2.
James 1:5 "If you need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do - ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking." (NLT)

3.
1 Kings 19:11-13 "Then the Lord passed by and sent a furious wind that split the

hills and shattered the rocks—but the Lord was not in the wind ..., and then there was an earthquake—but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After that there was a fire—but the Lord was not in the fire. But after the fire there was the soft whisper of a voice. When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. The voice said to him, 'Elijah, what are you doing here?' (TEV)

4.
Phil. 4:12-13 "I've learned this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little. I have the strength to face all conditions by the power Christ gives me." (GN)

Rom. 5:3-4 "... even in our trials and troubles – These very things... will develop mature character." (PH)

1 Th. 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (NIV)

5.
Jer. 31:3 "I have loved you with an everlasting love." (NIV)
Ps. 33:11 "His plans endure forever; His purposes last eternally." (NIV)
Isa. 40:8 "The Word of God shall stand forever." (NIV)

6.
Eccl. 4:9, 12 "Two are better off than one... If one of them falls down, the other can help him up... Two men can resist an attack that would defeat one man alone." (GN)

7.
Phil. 1:6 "I am sure of this: that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished in the Day of Jesus Christ." (GN)

1 Peter 5:7 "You can throw the whole weight of your anxieties upon Him, for you are his personal concern!" (Ph)

Ps. 112:7 "The righteous man does not fear bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For he is settled in his mind that God will take care of him." (LB)

8.
Job 13:15 "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." (KJV)
Job 1:21 "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord!" (KJV)