



Applying Truth in Adversity | Application


At times, it can be challenging for many people, even believers, to understand hardship and adversity from God's perspective.

 **ACTION:** Take the time necessary to become familiar with the Scriptures below and their practical application. They will be helpful to you and to those you disciple.


 **READ: John 16:33**


TRUE | FALSE: Each and every believer will experience stressful and challenging times.


 **WRITE:** In what specific ways does this verse equip Christ-followers to face adversity?


 Why is it important for a believer to be proactive in learning to embrace God's purpose in adversity?

 **James 1:2-4**


 Why is the testing of one's faith necessary in the life of a believer?


 What are some temptations in life that could cause a person to avoid developing perseverance?

 In what ways can we find ourselves trying to eliminate opportunities for perseverance in the lives of others (e.g. children, friends, family members, fellow church members)?


 What is it about challenging circumstances and adverse conditions that reveal what we really believe to be true about God?

 **Romans 5:1-5**


 What is the difference between rejoicing in suffering and rejoicing for suffering?


 List the benefits of focusing on the purpose in suffering rather than on the cost of it.


 **2 Corinthians 11:24-27**

 In what ways can you identify with Paul's hardships and sufferings?


 **2 Corinthians 11:28**

 **THOUGHT-PROVOKING:** In the midst of personal suffering, are you also concerned for the spiritual well-being of others as Paul was?

 What difference should it make in our lives to realize that people, perhaps those who don't yet know the Lord, are watching us in adversity?

 **Isaiah 26:3-4; Psalm 46:1, 91:2; Philippians 4:4-7**

 **FISHING FOR MEN:** How will you encourage others to find perfect peace in the midst of life's storms?

 **TO ENCOURAGE:** The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him. (**Nahum 1:7**)