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(I Thessalonians 3:3,4; 1 Peter 4:19)

I Thessalonians 3:3,4 (NKJV)

³that no one should be shaken by these **afflictions**; for you yourselves know that we are **appointed** to this. ⁴For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we **would suffer tribulation**, just as it happened, and you know.

1 Peter 4:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

***Message: Trials come into our lives
for many reasons, all for our ultimate
good.***

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I. TRIALS COME INTO OUR LIVES TO **TEST US**

(James 1:3-4; Judges 3:1-4)

James 1:3-4 (NKJV)

³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Judges 3:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ Now these *are* the nations which the Lord left, that He might test Israel by them, *that is*, all who had not known any of the wars in Canaan ² (*this was* only so that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to know war, at least those who had not formerly known it), ³ *namely*, five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwelt in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath. ⁴ And they were *left*, *that He might* test Israel by them, to know whether they would obey the commandments of the Lord, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

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II. TRIALS COME INTO OUR LIVES TO **INWARDLY STRENGTHEN US** *(Philippians 4:12-14)*

Philippians 4:12-14 (NKJV)

¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

¹⁴ Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my ***distress*** (***tribulation***).

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III. TRIALS COME INTO OUR LIVES TO **DRAW US CLOSER TO THE LORD** (*Psalm 34:4-6; Psalm 77:1-2*)

Psalm 34:4-6 (NKJV)

⁴ I sought the Lord, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ They looked to Him and were radiant,
And their faces were not ashamed.
⁶ This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard *him*,
And saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalm 77:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ I cried out to God with my voice—
To God with my voice;
And He gave ear to me.
² In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;
My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My
soul refused to be comforted.