



# WHY TRIALS?

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

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

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

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

II. TRIALS COME INTO OUR LIVES TO

**INWARDLY STRENGTHEN US** *(Philippians 4:12-14)*

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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)**

<sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and He heard me,  
And delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>5</sup> They looked to Him and were radiant,  
And their faces were not ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard *him*,  
And saved him out of all his troubles.

### **Psalm 77:1-2 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> I cried out to God with my voice—  
To God with my voice;  
And He gave ear to me.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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IV. TRIALS COME INTO OUR LIVES **TO WORK**

**HUMILITY IN US** (2 Corinthians 4:12-14)

## 2 Corinthians 4:12-14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> So then death is working in us, but life in you.

<sup>13</sup> And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak,

<sup>14</sup> knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present *us* with you.

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V. TRIALS COME INTO OUR LIVES **SO THAT WE CAN EXPERIENCE GOD'S SUPERNATURAL PRESENCE** *(Psalm 34:9; 2 Corinthians 12:9)*

## Psalm 34:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!

*There is no want to those who fear Him.*

## 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.