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WAYS GOD USES SUFFERING

TOO GOOD
TO BE TRUE?

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SALVATION

The Lord isn't being slow about his promised return. He is waiting because he is not willing that any should perish, and he is giving more time for sinners to repent. 2 Peter 3:9

See also: Matthew 13:28-30; Luke 15:14-24

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SANCTIFICATION

We rejoice in suffering, knowing that suffering produces endurance, character, and hope. Romans 5:3-4

See also: James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:1; 2 Corinthians 12:7

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BONDING

We must share in his sufferings if we want to share in his glory. Romans 8:17

See also: Philippians 3:10; 1 Peter 2:21; 4:13; 2 Corinthians 1:5; Acts 5:41

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COMFORTING

God comforts us in our troubles, so that we can comfort those facing trouble with the comfort we received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:4

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EVIDENCE

Suffering comes to prove the genuineness of your faith. 1 Peter 1:7

See also: 1 Peter 4:12

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DISPLAY

Jesus said, "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him." John 9:3

See also: 2 Corinthians 4:8-10

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RELIANCE

Trouble happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God. 2 Corinthians 1:9

See also: Deuteronomy 8:3; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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CORRECTION

Before I suffered, I went the wrong way, but now I obey you. Psalm 119:67

See also: Job 5:17; Hebrews 12:7-11; Psalm 119:71

