



TELL YOUR STORY

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We've all had experiences in our lives when we thought we would not make it, and thought we were the only ones that felt this way.

These questions came to my mind as I was struggling through a particular situation:

What was the point of this trial or what have I done to deserve this?

- Where is God and why has He allowed this?

What life experience sticks out to you as you are reading this? Initially, what did you think? Did you ever feel you would not make it? Was it the duration of the trial, or the intensity of it?

For the majority of us, looking back we may see it from a different perspective.

Isn't it funny how we always think of the negative? "This must be a punishment for something I have done". We never think that maybe we were selected or handpicked for this assignment! Maybe it was for the testing of our faith. Maybe God was using this trial to mature us so we can be a blessing to others.

This is what I learned:

Endurance. Do not be discouraged. You don't have to know the end at the beginning. The middle is what's important. What are you learning?

Answered prayer. It is so joyful when God answers a prayer.

Learn to depend on Him, and not yourself. Take it all to God, and try not to

carry the load yourself. Tell God about your worries and about the people that are causing you stress.

Effectively minister to someone else. *When there is time to share your story, share it. Many times, you will hear, "I thought I was the only one that had gone through that." You minister to others as you tell them how God carried you through to where you are now.*

He is a good God!

1 Peter 4:12