



# CAPITOL COMMISSION

## Trials – Review 1

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*“But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.” Job 23:10*

*rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

1) Every trial we face is allowed by God for our ultimate good.<sup>1</sup>

B) Provide **proof** of love and that we are God’s children

A) **Chastisement (discipline)** not **consequence**

*Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

*1 Peter 4:15-16 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.*

C) **Teach patience** = cheerful endurance<sup>2</sup>

*James 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*

B) **Need** not **want**

*James 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

D) Help to build **personal** relationship with Jesus

*1 Peter 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

C) **Ultimate** not **immediate**

*Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from James MacDonald

<sup>2</sup> Strong’s Hebrew Greek Dictionaries

D) **Allowed** not **caused!**

*2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

2) Trials need not steal our joy. They can -

A) Be a conduit of **power** from God

*2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I*

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### BIBLE STUDIES

CHAPEL SERVICES: THURSDAY @ 12:10-12:35 P.M.  
STAFF/LOBBYIST BIBLE STUDY: FRIDAY @ 12:30 P.M., CHAPEL ROOM