

Harsh Experiences Benefit Your Strength and Trust

The George Bernard Shaw's 1920s adage, "Life wasn't meant to be easy"¹, is not a Kingdom expression. In fact, ours is the opposite – "Life is easy when total trust in the Trinity is the norm". The reason for the difference is that when Father is allowed to oversee our life, we can rest in the fact that he will meet all our needs, just as Jesus promised.

When we're on a rough road in a luxury car with non-low-profile tyres, the bumps are absorbed by the vehicle and we don't feel them. That's what it's like when we totally trust Father to handle our life situations, circumstances and destiny. The difficulties of life are always present, but he handles them, and all we have to do is trust him, rest in that trust, and relax. Relaxing is a critical step that many people leave out because relaxing means not fretting, not worrying, no anxiousness, no fear, etc.²

We live in a 'fallen' world, even though the Kingdom is already here. That will be the situation until The Restoration of All Things is accomplished. When that occurs, the enemy's influence over the planet (and the cosmos) will cease. Father's strategy to bring about that change is for us, his imagers and planet-managers, to implement it through his presence that we carry and under the guidance of his Spirit.³

In the meantime, the difficulties of life train us for whatever is ahead of us. They also manifest darkness in us (i.e. characters and attitudes that aren't compatible with Father's) so we can work with him to eliminate them. That's essential, because we have so much mixture and 'junk' in our lives, let alone woundedness and pain, that we are unable to properly represent him by operating out of his heart without that 'clearing out'.

Father reminds us of the usefulness of harsh experiences so we focus on him and power through them.

*"I know what you have been through. I know the harshness that you have experienced. I know the reality of that, but please understand that it will ultimately be for the benefit of strength and trust in Me. Those things that you have endured will make you stronger in the long run. As you move forward you will find the strength that I have given you. That which you have suffered will cause you to walk with greater faith, greater revelation, and greater focus than ever before. This new reality is now unfolding before you. You will emerge in victory. This day, see yourself as victorious."*⁴

IMPORTANT: The biblical expression "for along with every trial God has provided for you **a way of escape**" is not a Kingdom statement – it's an English translators idea of the Greek. This "escape" mindset is very often transferred to all life difficulties and the believer wrongly looks for a way to escape them. That's not the Kingdom way, as Father revealed in his message above. The Greek word *ekbasis* (ἐκβασίς) is better translated 'outlet'⁵ and the expression then becomes "God will make a way out for you, so that you can go through".⁶⁷

Don't believe me?

Read these from Father:

"You have had difficult days with problems to solve and situations to understand, and you allowed some of those circumstances to get you down. But now you must pick yourself up and look up. I am

1 – "George Bernard Shaw originally made this quote. Many times, it has since been quoted without the rest of it, which, in its entirety, says: "Life wasn't meant to be easy, my child, but take courage: it can be delightful!" Australian Prime Minister Malcom Fraser (1975-1983) is often remembered as quoting it out of context." www.answers.com/Q/Who_said_life_wasn_t_meant_to_be_easy

2 – "Stop Putting so Much Pressure on Yourself and Relax"

3 – Kriston Couchey (2021) "An Adventurer's Guide To The Next Age" [Kindle edition p:21-22] 'THE INSTRUMENT OF JUDGEMENT'

4 – Bill Burns "The Trumpet" (January 23, 2022) www.ft111.com/trumpet2022.htm

5 – Young's Literal Translation

6 – Worldwide English New Testament

7 – "Escape from Temptation" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Escape-from-Temptation.pdf

your help in troubled times. I will give you the fortitude to get through even the worst of days. Trust Me.”⁸

“Even though it seems like the attacks against you have been relentless, you must not give in to discouragement and despair. Steel yourself and stand strong regardless of your temptation to give up. Opposing forces will ultimately serve to strengthen you. I am with you to show you the way to victory.”⁹

And this from Father:

“Rise above fear and dread by way of reminding yourself that I will bring you through your current complex dilemma and perplexity. I will give you wisdom and direction and bring people into your life who can help you through this difficulty. But you must stand in the firm belief that I am with you and for you. Establish your heart in absolute faith with no doubting. Refuse to give into despair and discouragement.”¹⁰

See how Father wants us to go through every difficulty?

Don’t look to escape every situation and circumstance by pleading with him to get you out of it. That’s not how sons are to operate. Remember, we need to learn to be kings, and kings aren’t supposed to run away from difficulties.

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