

PEACE

in the Storms

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"For I know the plans I have for you, 'declares the LORD,' plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

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The Great Change Agent

DOES GOD REALLY TAKE CARE OF YOU IN TIMES OF TROUBLE?

If so, then why are there times He seems so distant when we need Him most?

Not everything in our lives is good. Not everything that happens to us is meant for our immediate benefit. The Bible promises that everything, even those things not meant for good, will eventually be worked out for good, in God's plan. Everything that happens to us will fit into His plan, and His plan is for our benefit.

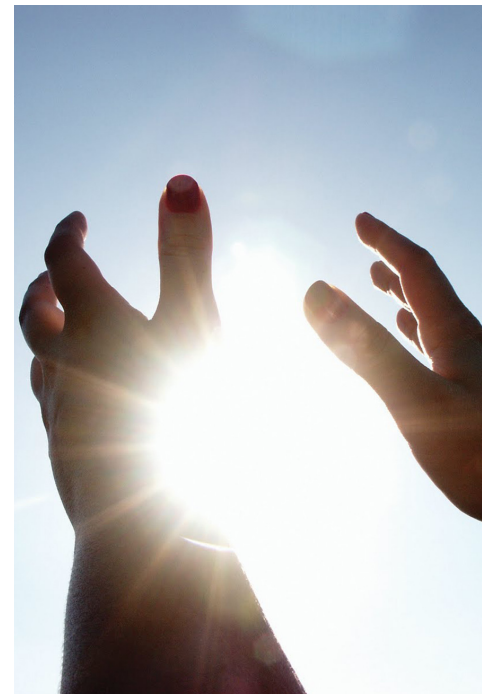
God's specialty is working it out for us. He is the great change agent. Everything that happens in your life is permitted for God's purpose. God's ultimate goal for us is character, not comfort. The deepest level of glory we can bring to God is praise and thankfulness during trials. We know

He is in control and working on our behalf in the midst of storms, even though He is not always visible.

“God is more interested in changing you through your storms than in removing your storms.”

Thank God for His presence in the storms. Thank Him for what you have. Thank Him for who He is, for what He has done, and what He will do. Thank Him for being the great “change agent.” He is the great “I am.” He is sovereign and in control. He is worthy of our praise. We serve a

big God. He is not limited by our problems. We limit Him. God is more interested in changing you through your storms than in removing your storms. Have faith in the great change agent. God will not allow a storm without having an intended purpose in our life.



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