

**God's Purpose in our Problems
When Life Is Hard—Part 4
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
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Trials are designed to teach us so that our _____ and our _____
changes.

God works His good through our trials when we _____ and when we
_____.

God has a _____ to use your _____ for His purposes!

Practical ways we can find purpose in our problems:

1. _____ your bitterness to God.
2. _____ your arrogance and turn from pride.
3. _____ on praying as long as you can.
4. _____ God the right to say "no" to you.
5. _____ your trial as a gift from God.

Keep these two truths in mind.

- 1) Struggles are _____ from the Lord.
- 2) They are necessary for my _____ growth.
6. _____ your suffering as a means to minister to others.

"A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out."
--Matthew 12:20

We can say at least two things about a reed:

1. It was _____.
2. It was _____.

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