

Triumph Over Trouble

Week 2: Light in the Tunnel

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 (NIV)

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

* **God Works:** _____.

* **For the Good:** _____.

* **God uses trouble to bring positive** _____.

Positive Outcome _____:

1. _____ **tive.**

"Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped."

Acts 16:26-27 (NIV)

2. _____ **tive.**

A. _____ **by Jesus.**

"God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make [prove] Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation."

Hebrews 2:10 (NLT)

B. We _____ **His Path.**

"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers."

Romans 8:29 (NIV)

C. We _____ **to the Process.**

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation."

Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)

"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."

James 1:2-4 (NLT)

4. _____ **tive.**

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed."

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NIV)

"For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died."

1 Corinthians 11:29-30 (NLT)

5. _____ **tive.**

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)

My Kind of Troubles: _____
