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"THROUGH" AND "AFTERWARD"

INTRODUCTION

Life is filled with problems, difficulties, and hardships.

We ask ourselves, "Will I ever get through this?" Answer, "Yes!"

1. **"THROUGH"** - into one side and out the other; from beginning to end; to completion; getting from one point of origin to destination; finished; it's over.

(Deut. 2:7) "He knows your trudging through" (Psalm 23:4) "I walk through"
(Psalm 66:6) "They went through the river ... we will rejoice in Him"
(Psalm 106:8-10) "He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness"
(Isaiah 43:1-3) "through the waters ... through the rivers ... through the fire"
(Job 29:1-3) "when by His light I walked through the darkness"

(1 Corinthians 10:13) "... God is faithful, who will allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able ..."

2. **"AFTERWARD"** - (Hebrews 12:11) "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward ("through") it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Note when problems lead us to praise, when problems "yield" good things;
a disadvantage becomes an advantage; when bruises result in a benefit or blessing.

- 1) **When they cause us to depend more upon God.**
(Psalm 46:1; Psalm 18:1-3; Psalm 34:19)
- 2) **When they make us more compassionate toward others.**
(2 Corinthians 1:3-4) "... and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in trouble, with the comfort which we are comforted by God."
- 3) **When they cause us to have a stronger desire for heaven.**
"This World Is Not My Home" "We're Marching To Zion" "To Canaan's Land"
- 4) **When they cause me to have confidence ⁱⁿ another trouble that comes.**
I become an example to myself that I can overcome this one, too.
- 5) **When my getting "through" give confidence to others that they can, too.**
We become an example for others, and they say, "If Brain can do it, so can I."
- 6) **When they result in me being patient.** (Romans 5:3-4; James 1:2-3)
- 7) **When they cause me to appreciate the good times.**
- 8) **When they drive me to learn God's word.** (Psalm 119:62 and v71)

CLOSE: (Romans 8:18) "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."