

# Refined by Fire: Finding God in Suffering

## Scripture Focus

"It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees."  
Psalm 119:71

## Devotional Thought

Suffering is a part of life we often try to avoid, yet it has a profound place in God's plan for us. From illness and loss to betrayal and disappointment, pain touches every life, but in Christ, pain is never pointless.

The Bible reminds us that suffering can be the very tool God uses to draw us closer to Him. Just like fire purifies gold, afflictions can refine our faith, shaping us into vessels of purpose and endurance. Romans 5:3–4.

God never wastes our trials. In seasons of hardship, He's building strength, humility, and dependence in us. Even when we feel broken, He's still working. The blind man's healing in John 9 wasn't just about sight, it revealed God's glory. So too, your pain can be the very place His power is displayed.

Temptations and trials test us differently. Temptations aim to pull us away from God. Trials invite us to trust Him more deeply. But both can become pathways to transformation when surrendered to Him.

If you're walking through suffering today, don't lose heart. Let it lead you to the Father's feet. He sees your tears, He knows your hurt, and He promises purpose in your pain.

### Prayer

Lord, help me to trust You in the middle of suffering. Teach me to see my trials not as punishments, but as opportunities to draw closer to You. Refine my heart, and use every hardship for Your glory. Show me what I must do in times of trials and what I must learn. Amen

### Reflection Prompt

1. What trial are you facing right now
2. How might God be using it to draw you closer to Him?

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