



JOURNEY

FROM STRANGE LANDS
TO OUR HEAVENLY DESTINATION

A STUDY OF 1&2 PETER



UNDERSTANDING THE WINDS OF ADVERSITY

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A dark, winding road leads through a hilly, brown landscape under a dark, stormy sky. The road is the central focus, curving into the distance. The hills are covered in dry, brown vegetation, and the sky is a deep, dark red, suggesting a storm or a dramatic sunset. The overall mood is somber and mysterious.

ADVERSITY

Our first response to adversity should not be to try to remove it, but to allow it to reveal our great need of the Lord.

ADVERSITY

*“If you faint in the day
of adversity, your
strength is small.”*

Proverbs 24:10

ADVERSITY

*“...men ought always
to pray and not to
faint...”*

Luke 18:1

ADVERSITY

“And He said unto me...My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

II Corinthians 12:9



ADVERSITY

1. Adversity is
God's way of
getting our
attention.

ADVERSITY

- “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil... walks about seeking whom he may devour.” I Peter 5:8
- “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, arrogance, and the evil way...” Proverbs 8:13

A dark, winding road curves through a hilly, brown landscape under a dark sky. The road is the central focus, leading the eye into the distance. The hills are covered in sparse, dry vegetation, and the overall color palette is dominated by dark browns, blacks, and a hint of red in the sky.

ADVERSITY

*Greatest motivation for
spiritual growth

*Deadliest means of
discouragement

ADVERSITY

Adversity will become
destructive if we fail to
see the hand of God
behind it!

Isaiah 9:13

ADVERSITY

Satan will try to convince us that God has forsaken us while we are being chastened.

In reality, chastening is proof that God is lovingly preparing us for His greater glory!

A dark, winding road curves through a hilly, brown landscape under a dark sky. The road is the central focus, leading the eye into the distance. The surrounding terrain is rugged and appears to be in a state of dryness or autumn. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

ADVERSITY

**2. Adversity is
God's call for
self-examination.**

ADVERSITY

Value of Pain

In the physical realm, pain is one of our greatest protectors. Without its sharp and persistent warning, we would fatally damage ourselves without realizing it.

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**God requires that we search out,
confess and forsake every sin.**

“He that covers his sins will not prosper; but those who confess and forsake them will have mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

ADVERSITY

**Self-Examination is one purpose
of the Lord's Supper.**

*“But let a man examine himself, and
so let him eat of that bread, and
drink of that cup.”*

I Corinthians 11:28



ADVERSITY

**3. Adversity is
God's way of
conquering our
pride.**

ADVERSITY

- * The adversity of ***conflict*** reveals pride. Proverbs 13:10
- * The adversity of ***destruction*** is the consequence of pride. Proverbs 16:18
- * The adversity of ***failure*** is God's way of humbling us. Proverbs 11:2

ADVERSITY

God's grace is free, however
there is one essential
requirement to receive it.

HUMILITY

*“... God resists the proud, but
gives grace unto the humble.”*

James 4:6



ADVERSITY

**4. Adversity is a
reminder of our
weakness.**

ADVERSITY

When God works in power through our obvious weaknesses, both we and others are free to give Him all the praise.

A dark, winding road stretches through a hilly, grassy landscape. The road is the central focus, curving slightly to the right. The surrounding hills are covered in dry, yellowish-brown grass. The sky is dark, and the overall image has a strong red color cast, giving it a somber and dramatic feel. The road is flanked by a fence on the left and a simple line on the right.

ADVERSITY

II Corinthians 12:7-10

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“Like as a Father pities his children, so the Lord pities them that fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.”

Psalm 103:13,14

ADVERSITY

God chooses what the world calls foolish to shame the wise, and what the world calls weak to confound the strong....that no man may boast in the presence of God.

I Corinthians 1:26-29

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ADVERSITY

**5. Adversity is our
motivation to cry
out to God .**

A landscape photograph with a red tint. A paved road leads from the bottom center towards a range of mountains in the distance. The sky is filled with a pattern of overlapping, semi-transparent triangles. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

ADVERSITY

The intensity of the
cry of a child will
determine how
quickly the parent
will respond.

ADVERSITY

Promise:

God responds to the cry of His children when they are in adversity:

“The righteous cry, and the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.”

Psalm 34:17

ADVERSITY

How do we cry out to God?

We are to cry out to God:

- with our voice.....Psalm 3:4
- daily during adversity.....Psalm 86:3
- in humility.....Psalm 9:12
- with a pure heart.....Psalm 66:18
- in praise.....Psalm 56:9,10

ADVERSITY

6. Adversity reminds us
that..... *God loves us!*

Hebrews 12:6-11

John 3:16