



Pt. 3 Transformed by Trouble

God's #1 purpose in your life is to make you

"From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son."

--Romans 8:29 (Living Bible)

"God wants us to grow up ... like Christ in everything."

--Ephesians 4:15 (The Message)

"We look at the Son and see God's original purpose in everything created."

--Colossians 1:15 (The Message)

"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image and likeness.'"

--Genesis 1:26 (NRSV)

WHAT GOD USES TO MAKE YOU LIKE JESUS

1. God uses _____

2. God uses _____

3. God uses _____

4. God uses _____

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going..."

Through suffering, these bodies of ours constantly share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen us...

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever."

--2 Cor. 4:8-18 (NLT)

"Don't be bewildered or surprised when you go through the fiery trials ahead, for this is no strange, unusual thing that is going to happen to you."

--1 Peter 4:12

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit."

--Psalm 34:18

"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son..."

--Romans 8:28-29