

## TRUSTING THROUGH TRIALS

Have you ever wondered why God doesn't just deliver you from the problem you are in, or someone you are praying for, or why God allows certain evils to manifest to the detriment of what we consider would be for the greater good of humanity?

While the answers to these questions have taken even the greatest of thinkers to the farthest stretches of the human mind, some things just can not be answered beyond a "I guess, because He's God" response.

One thing we do know about God is that He is love (1 John 4:7-8). In "The Great Divorce" by C. S. Lewis he says, "Love never forces itself on another's will. So in a free universe, we will not end with the best world conceivable but with the best world achievable by God's grace in a coordination with our free will."

Romans 5:3-5 says, "knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

While we may feel our faith get a boost when He bails us out of a jam, consider how you really begin to have an unshakable hope as you have trusted Him through your trials. We find the best possible outcome not when we ask for Him to make it all go away, but when we reach out our hand and let Him take us to His place of rest.

Finally, consider also how incredibly awesome it will be to be in the Assembly of all the saints in praise and worship of our Lord, all with a true and willing heart as we revel in His glory. What a day that will be!