



# Weekly Devotion

## Discovering Value in the Midst of Our Problems

*"Consider it a pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything"*  
**James 1:2-4**

Problems reveal themselves in unlimited ways. Some are real while others are a fabrication of our thoughts that can have more intensity than an actual problem. They are a blend of reality and questionable thinking. When things are real, we can define them while limiting their impact. Invented problems, however, seem limitless. Knowing an imagined event can register itself in your mind as real shows us that invented problems may have a greater impact on our lives. The author Mark Twain wrote, "I am an old man who has known many problems, most of which never happened." What we can learn from this is the other side of the coin, "what we can conceive one way, we can conceive differently". The only problem with problems is that we see them as a problem and that's the problem.

During any challenging or burdensome time (real or imagined), the best question we can ask as Christians is: If in some way, this is a learning lesson from God, what would He want me to learn? And how would He want to use this experience to build a godlier me? Every trial that comes our way has a distinct essence that blurs the problem and makes

the blessings clear if we are open-minded and seeking what God wants to accomplish in us. As a matter of fact, every trial we experience contains an intrinsic value for our spiritual growth that cannot be obtained in any other way. No study, seminar, therapy session, or any of the latest learning trends can instill in us the impact of what a trial can. As is said, "experience is the best teacher".

Regrettably, much of the value we could harvest is lost because we are so focused on the problem itself rather than looking for God's provision in them. We allow the stress, pain, and confusion to cloud the value, blessing, and growth we would receive due to nothing more than a myopic view of God's perfect plan for our lives. Our vision becomes cloudy because we stare too deeply

into the pain rather than looking beyond to the other side.

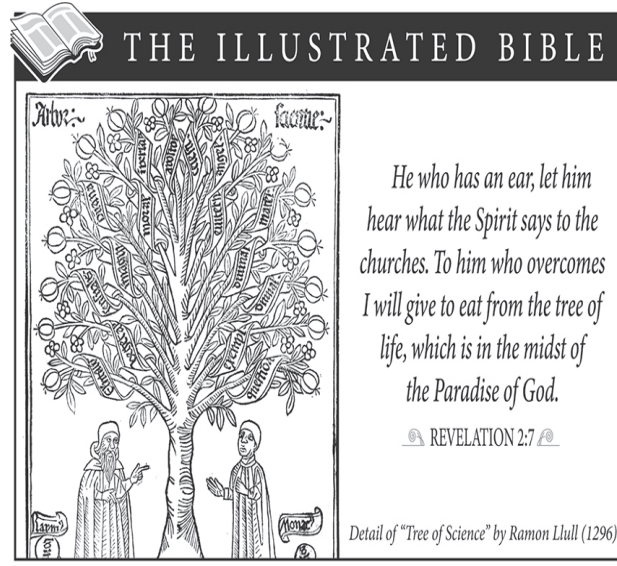
God wants to provide irreplaceable value from the challenges in your life, to use as part of His blessing and as a testimony for others to experience the power of God's hand, the strength of our faith, and the beauty of what it means to believe in biblical perspectives regarding trials.

Question: What is my default problem mode? Do I immerse myself into what is wrong, how bad it is, and how long will it last? Or do I realize that God is up to something that will bless and change my life?

*"Problem + Perspective – Pessimism = Provision."*

**Dennis Dean**

**Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**



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