

Devotional for June 19

OPEN MY EYES, LORD

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

As we have been searching biblical truths about trials and sufferings, we must remember two major factors. God reveals His glory through hard times, and God is working good through them. Our response will indicate what we choose to “see.” Do we focus on the pressure and the problems, or do we focus on seeing “Him?” Sometimes God wraps His glory in hard circumstances or ugly obstacles or painful difficulties and it never occurs to us that within those life-shaking events is a fresh revelation of Him!!! Our race depends on how we “view” our trials and sufferings. Are you focusing on the struggle? The affliction? The failure or fatigue? The relationship? The unfairness? The loss and grief? The “what-ifs?” If you are focusing on those things, you may miss a fresh revelation of God Himself. These may be hard words to hear, but stop complaining, stop resenting Him, stop feeling sorry for yourself, stop demanding what you want. Adjust your attitude. Change your mind about things ... and yourself ... and others. Relax in total trust. God knows what He is doing. Let go, and look up! Let Him open the eyes of your heart. Open your eyes to His goodness, His unfailing love, and put all your Hope in Him.

God, my eyes are wide open, show me what I have been missing. Though it is hard to see past the difficulties, I know You have something wonderful for me and I want to experience You!!!

