

How to be Strengthened in an Ongoing, Painful Trial

Introduction:

- 1. We should _____ that God's goodness to us is the soil in our lives where either humility or pride can grow.**
- 2. God always has the perfect _____ to guard us from our potential uselessness and fruitlessness.**
- 3. The most common, natural and understandable response to a painful trial is to _____ deliverance from the Lord**
- 4. Often, God's _____ to our petitions may be that ongoing dependence on Christ for strength is his good, acceptable and perfect will.**
- 5. Our _____ by God's continuing grace is to be one of embracing God's will with joy.**

Conclusion (Intentional Meditation):

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see how this can be done.

1. How did this sermon call you to "believe the gospel?" What Biblical truths were presented that you need to believe? How does this passage of Scripture affect the way you believe the gospel and therefore in how you live your life?

2. In what specific ways do you face the temptations described in this sermon? How does the gospel confront those temptations? How can you not only obey moralistically, but to obey in light of the gospel?

3. As you seek to apply these truths in your own life, think of one other person in your life that may benefit from thinking through these issues with you. What are some ways you can disciple this person in this area?
