Evening Bible Study – 6:30p.m. – Wednesday, March 15, 2023
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The Facts About Trials

What are trials? They are circumstances, even hardships that God allows in our lives to condition our hearts for holiness and to increase our spiritual maturity.

Now, just the facts sisters and brothers as it relates to trials.

❖ **Trials are part of God's work in the believer's life.**   *Romans 8:28; Psalm 48:10*
  o Most of the people we remember from biblical days and even in this present time faced great trials.
  o In fact, we remember them because of how they faced their trials and how they endured.
  o Had they never faced a major trial, we probably would not know their names.
  o God still uses trials in our lives to bring us closer to Him.
  o Trials are not without purpose.

❖ **Trials places God's power on display.**   *2 Corinthians 4:7-10*
  o God uses trials to work for His glory.
  o God uses trials to prove that He alone has all power to do whatever He wants to do.
  o Trials makes it clear to others that we are not in control of ourselves.
  o Trials helps us to understand that our powers are limited, but God's power is unlimited.

❖ **Trials sanctify us to be used by God.**   *James 1:2-4*
  o Trials reveals what is inside of us.
  o Trials reveals our weaknesses.
  o Trials reveals our inner sins.
  o The greatest battle is the one that is inside of us.

❖ **Trials shows us and others that God is infinitely valuable.**   *Job 1:21; Psalm 73:25-26*
                                                                          Habakkuk 3:17-19
  o Trials shows others and us that God is infinitely valuable.
  o As we go through trials and/or losses with peace and joy, others are watching to see how we respond.
  o The hurt and the loss may be still affecting us negatively, but the joy of the Lord is still our strength.

Conclusion
When God uses us to go through trials, He begins to show off His power in us. One of God's, most useful tools to grow us up in Him are trials.

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