

WELCOMING FRUSTRATIONS

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“Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character;
and character, hope.” Romans 5:3-4

Daily life is not always easy and smooth-running. It is frequently disturbed by many things, small or big. Something lost, something gone wrong, responsibilities to fulfill, demanding children, finances, sickness, clashes of personalities, differences of viewpoint, decisions to be made.

At these moments, self comes very much alive and we all have our human reactions. At the time, we find it hard to grasp that it is precisely God’s purpose that His sons should be involved in disturbing human situation. The positive must have its negative through with to manifest itself, so we must learn to full what it is to be a “negative.” It was said of Jesus Himself that though He was a Son, yet he learned obedience through the things, which He suffered.

We ask a useless question and mistake the meaning of life if we say, “Will ther by no letup from these continual pressures?” No. If I am to function in my proper place as a son and inheritor of God’s universe in my eternal destiny, I need to learn first how a son function in adverse circumstances. A swimmer grows strong against the tide, not with it.

It is the trial of our faith with works maturity in us, says James. When we see that, we can expect and welcome what the world calls problems and frustrations.

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