

28. Hard Times Are Good For You

Romans 5:1-5 TLB

So now, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in his promises, we can have real peace with him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. For because of our faith, he has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. Then, when that happens, we are able to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that all is well, for we know how dearly God loves us, and we feel this warm love everywhere within us because God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.



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| DEARLY | MIND | SIGHT |
| DONE | PATIENT | STAND |
| FINALLY | PEACE | STEADY |
| FORWARD | PLACE | STRENGTH |
| HAPPENS | PRIVILEGE | STRONG |
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