

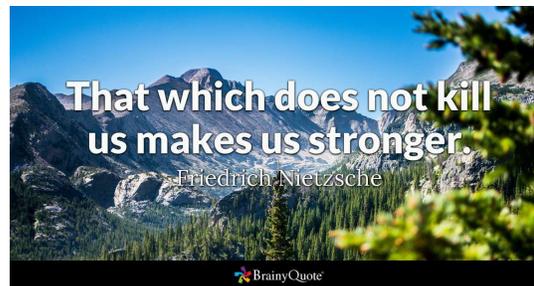


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**Keep our focus on God, Eyes set toward Eternity, to be Kingdom minded through the mind of Christ.**

“O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!” Psalm 34:8. “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Rom. 8:28

Hello Prayer Warriors and Partners,  
The time for someone to say, “That, which does not kill us, makes us stronger” is not while someone is going through a storm. The time to speak that well known saying might be after the trial is over and then given as a word of encouragement. However, there is not a better place or time to taste and see that the Lord is good than during adversity. Adverse circumstances can bring out the best in people whose eyes are set upon the Lord. He causes all things to work together for good to those who love God...



Adversity is a tool for strengthening, growing and character building if we let it and not allow it to be seen as defeat. Dependent upon the circumstance, adversity can look scary, feel scary, and it can knock the proverbial wind out you, but it can also produce a challenge to take a stand on God’s Word, face the adversity head on, and thereby weakening the enemy’s position that was meant for harm.

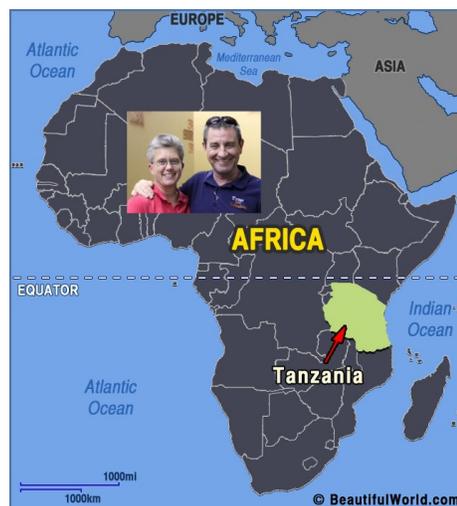


For every minute spent partaking communion, through the reading and washing of God’s Word, we are being prepared for the battles of adversity that will come to every believer on planet Earth. This is not our home and we are only passing through! In the name of Jesus, all power and authority has been given to us to overcome the fiery darts aimed at us. We have armor and we keep it on for times such as these. We are being built up from the inside out, and filled to overflowing with Power through the name of JESUS!

Adversity can be a place where our heart and soul are saying two different things and yet following our heart is the only real avenue because that is where God resides and thereby a honing beacon for the soul. It is where we draw on His promises that are written on the tablet of our heart. Promises like: He will never leave us or forsake us. He gives us peace that surpasses our understanding which brings comfort to us during the storm, rest when we are weary and strength to continue to fight the good fight of faith! God is our Strength and Song! Our deliverer in times of trouble!

Adversity or adverse circumstances does not have to be something we fear, or let overwhelm us. But not one of us will be able to work through these things without God. We must partnership with Him in order to receive the victory that is already ours in the heavenlies. Adversity builds perseverance and conforms us to the image of Christ. With God you will have the VICTORY! We, His children, are diamonds in the rough and the tool of adversity makes us as polished and valuable treasure in dark places, the wealth of secret places ready to serve in the Kingdom.

Doug and I will be leaving for Tanzania, Africa in September and while that seems like a long ways off it is really just around the corner for us. Since we have said yes to going we have had our share of adverse circumstances. Just about the time we think it has slowed down or is going to stop – it doesn't or hasn't yet! But we also know that "adversity" has a name and it too will have to bow at the name of Jesus! We ask for your prayers and thank-you for your support! If you feel led to partake in the blessing of this mission or would like to be a part of the blessing of LPE Ministries as a whole for ministry in counseling, benevolence, missions, and meeting others right where they are, then you can send your tax deductible donation to the address below or you can go to our website: [www.lpeministries.org](http://www.lpeministries.org) and use the donate button.



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We love each and every one of you. We pray blessings abundantly above all that you could ask or think to come your way. We pray "that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers!" (3 John 1:2)

As always, it is a blessing to sit and write the LPE Newsletter. We hope you enjoy! Please share with someone who may need a word of encouragement and to know they are not alone.

#### **Scriptures:**

Ps. 34:8, Rom. 8:28-29, John 6:35, Luke 9:1, Luke 10:19, Acts 3:6, Eph. 6:10-17, 2 Cor. 3:3, Joshua 1:5-7, Phil. 4:7, Matthew 8:25, Matthew 11:28, 1Tim. 6:12, Exodus 15:2, Ps. 118:14, Ps. 46:1, Ps. 9:9, Rom. 5:3-4, Rom. 8:25, Isa. 45:3.

**Love and Blessings,  
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