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This too.

Lions, Worms, & Betrayal
For Your Good

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Foundational Scripture:

And we know that **all things** work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Romans 8:28

But at dawn the next day God **provided** a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.

Jonah 4:7

The Big Questions:

- Do you see God's hand at work in your life in ALL things?
- Ask yourself, HOW can I see what I'm going through as God's provision in my life?
- Do you believe God will work it together for your good?

Heartbreak/Divorce

Betrayal

Disappointment

Job Loss

Rejection

Closed Doors

Disease

“ALL THINGS”

Grief

Loss

Sickness

Abandonment

Quarantine

Discrimination

Financial Struggle

What feeling comes to mind as you read these words?

All of these words have 2 things in common:

1. When it's happening it can feel very **PAINFUL**
2. God can still use it for your **GOOD**

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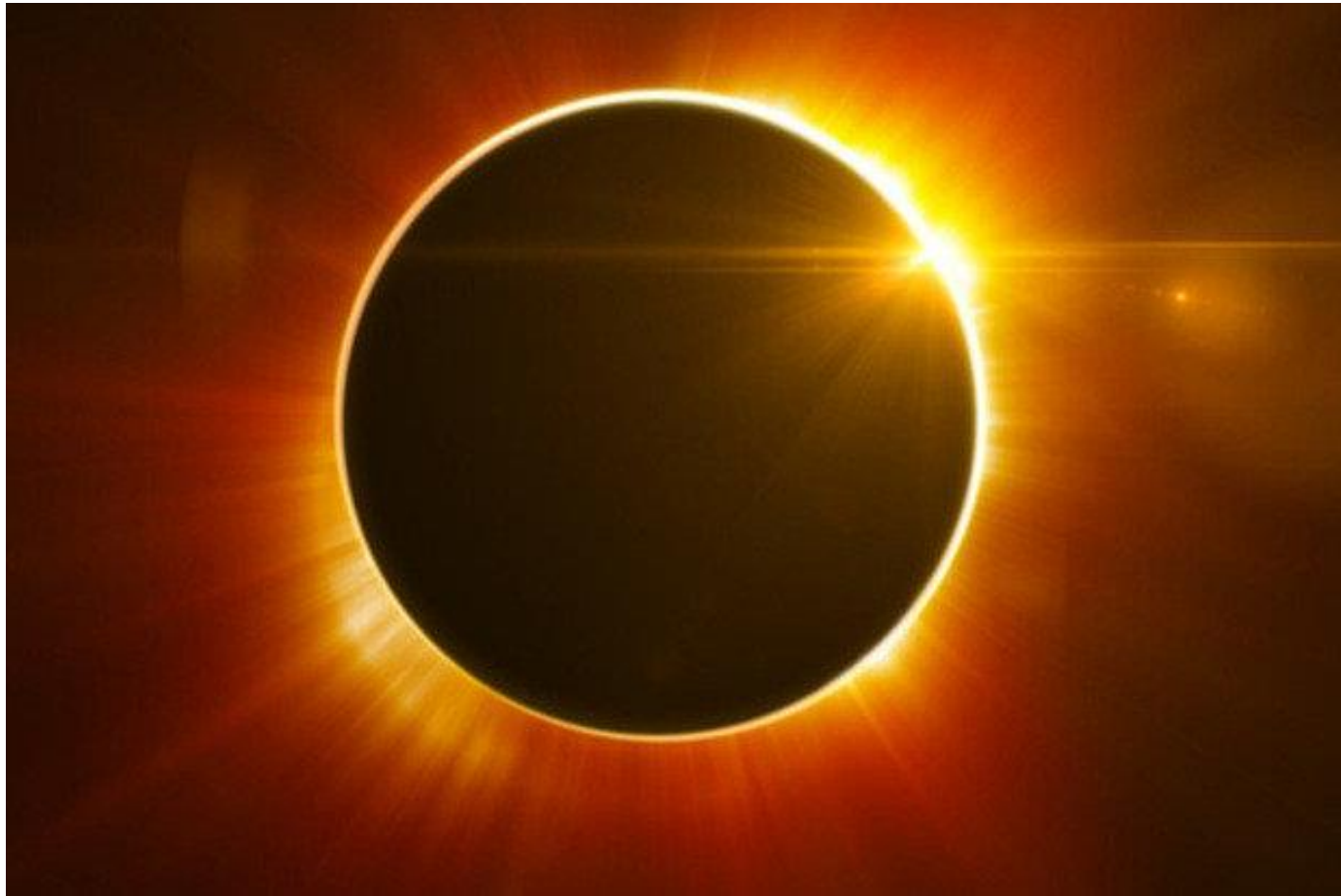
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Everything that happens or happened in your life
think: “God’s going to use THIS TOO.”

We are living in a day
where many are
experiencing at least (1)
from this list if not more.

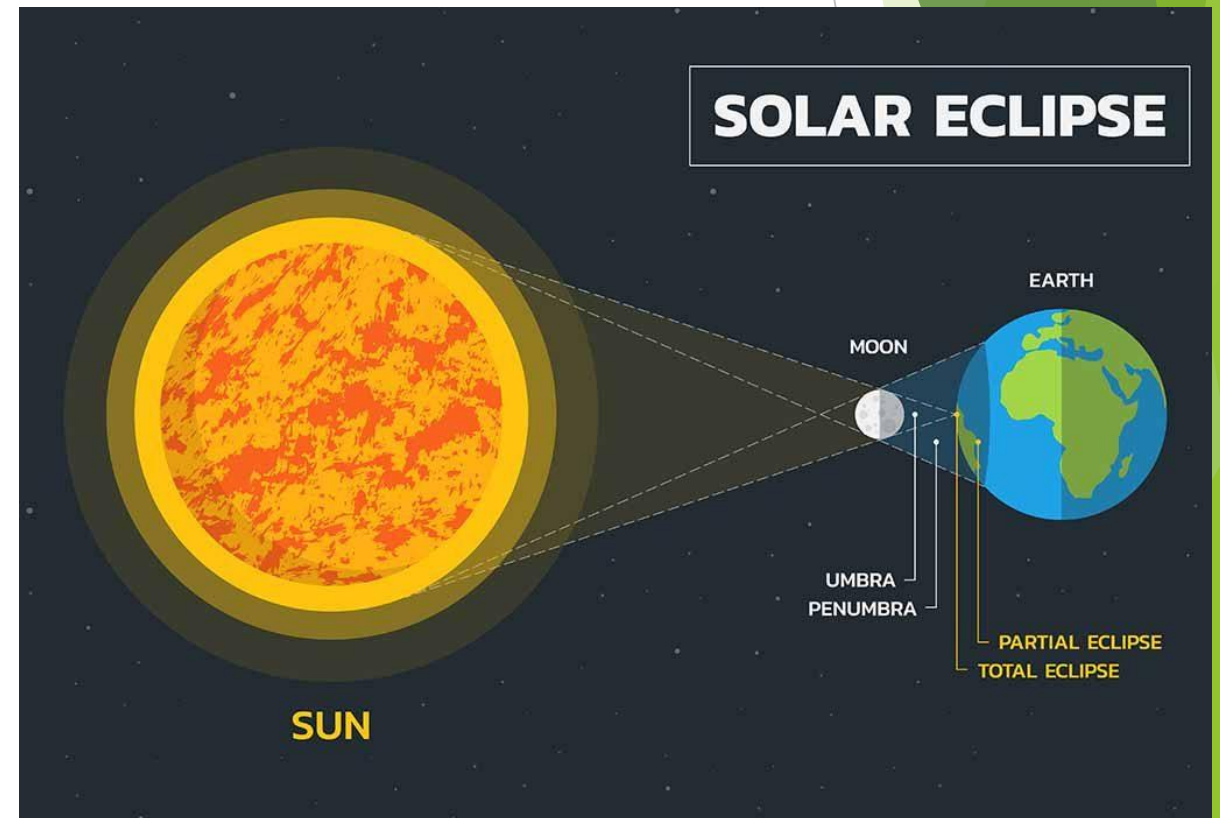
The mission is to leave here encouraged
That whatever it is, yes even that,
God will use THIS TOO for your good.

What problems or hurts in your life have you made bigger than God?



God is bigger than the problems, challenges, and situations we are facing today. The issue is, which are you giving the most attention to?

You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *Whose mind is stayed on You*, Because he trusts in You. Isaiah 26:3



In this world.. Pain abounds.

BUT!... GOD!!!

For those of us in Christ - HOPE abounds.

“May God, the source of hope,
fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith
in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the
power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)

Today as we look at pain, and how God can and will use even the deepest hurts in our lives for good, we are going to explore several examples in the Bible. See what we can learn, to help us press through whenever we face trials in our lives.

Jonah

- ▶ ⁴ But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Jonah 4:4
- ▶ ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. Jonah 4:6

Sometimes what we are praying to be
DELIVERED from, God has provided
to **DEVELOP** us.

- ▶ “But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.”
Jonah 4:7

This Too. God “provided” the fish, the plant, and the worm - to move you out of disobedience.

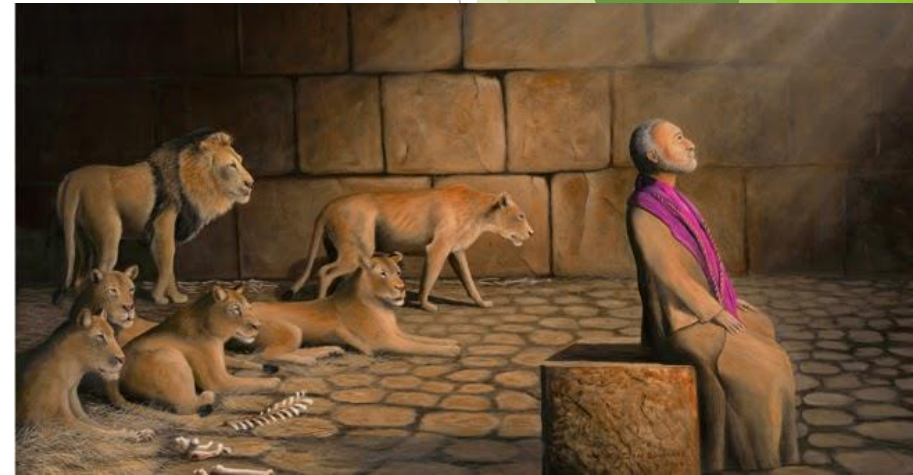


Daniel. THIS TOO -

For God to be glorified through our FAITH.

Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” Daniel 6:13

So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!” - Daniel 6:16



- ▶ ...“Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?” Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. Daniel 6:21-22
- ▶ ²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: “May you prosper greatly! ²⁶ “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. “For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end.²⁷ He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.” Daniel 6:25-27

Saul. This too. That you would be Saved.

- ▶ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. Acts 9:1



- ▶ ⁵ “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. Acts 9:5
- ▶ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. Acts 9:8

Joseph. This too. To show you all you need is HIM & to set you up for greatness.

- ▶ ²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels^[a] of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. Genesis 37:28
- ▶ ² The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. Genesis 39:2
- ▶ ⁹ No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” Genesis 39:9



▶ ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. [a]

▶ ⁸ “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Genesis 45: 5-8



God will use “THIS TOO” in your life “FOR GOOD!” - 5 WAYS GOD TURNS THE PAINFUL EXPERIENCES IN OUR LIVES FOR OUR GOOD

- ▶ Foundation: To get you away from everything to a place where it’s just you and Him
- ▶ Purpose: To develop a testimony & ministry in your heart
- ▶ Glory: That He would be glorified in and through your life
- ▶ Obedience: To move you out of your disobedience
- ▶ Salvation: That souls would be **SAVED**

Don't look at where you're at right now, look at who GOD is forever.

- ▶ Ask yourself HOW can I see what I'm going through as God's provision in my life?
- ▶ Don't make permanent decisions based on temporary emotions or situations. Imagine if any of the examples we looked at today in the men of God, would have allowed the PAIN to be the end of their story.
- ▶ It's after Jesus was BURIED that He, what - ROSE!!!!

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Conclusion - this too shall pass, but
while we are in it, encourage yourself:

- ▶ God's going to use
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