



God is faithful & just



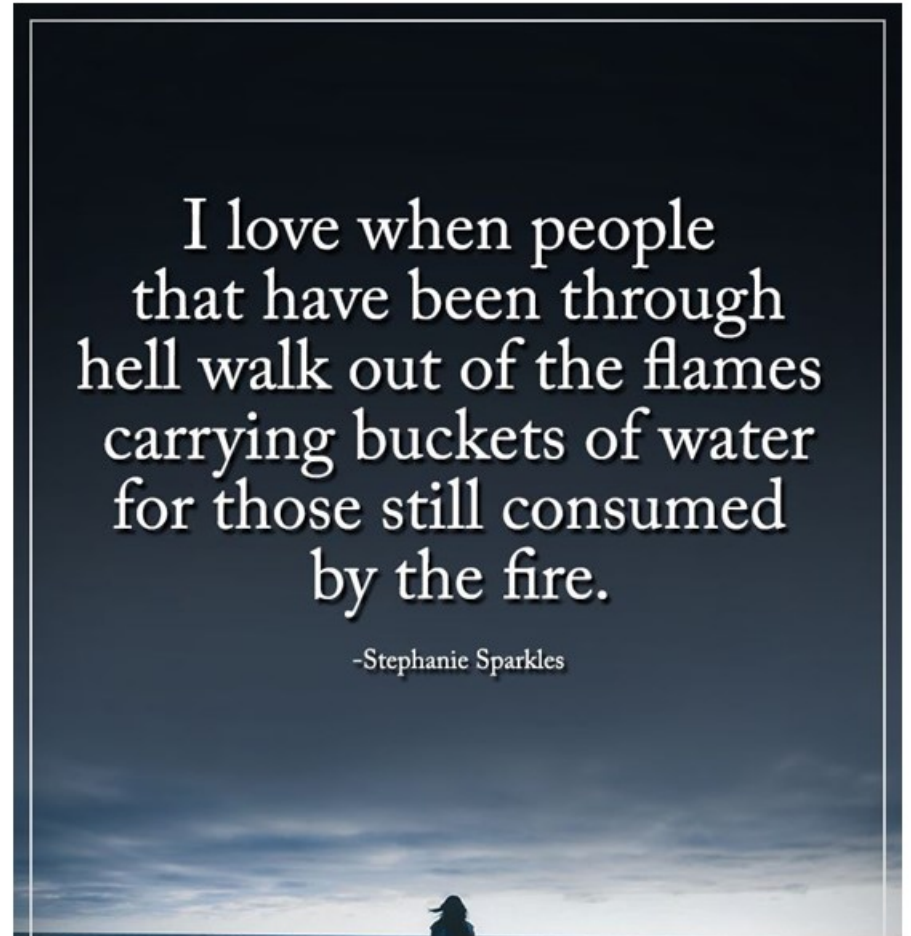
1 John 1:9 (AMP)

“If we [freely] admit that we have sinned *and* confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us *continually* from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].”

**THE CIRCUMSTANCES
AND EVENTS
THAT WE SEE AS SETBACKS
ARE OFTENTIMES
THE VERY THINGS THAT LAUNCH US
INTO PERIODS OF
INTENSE SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
Charles Stanley

I love when people
that have been through
hell walk out of the flames
carrying buckets of water
for those still consumed
by the fire.

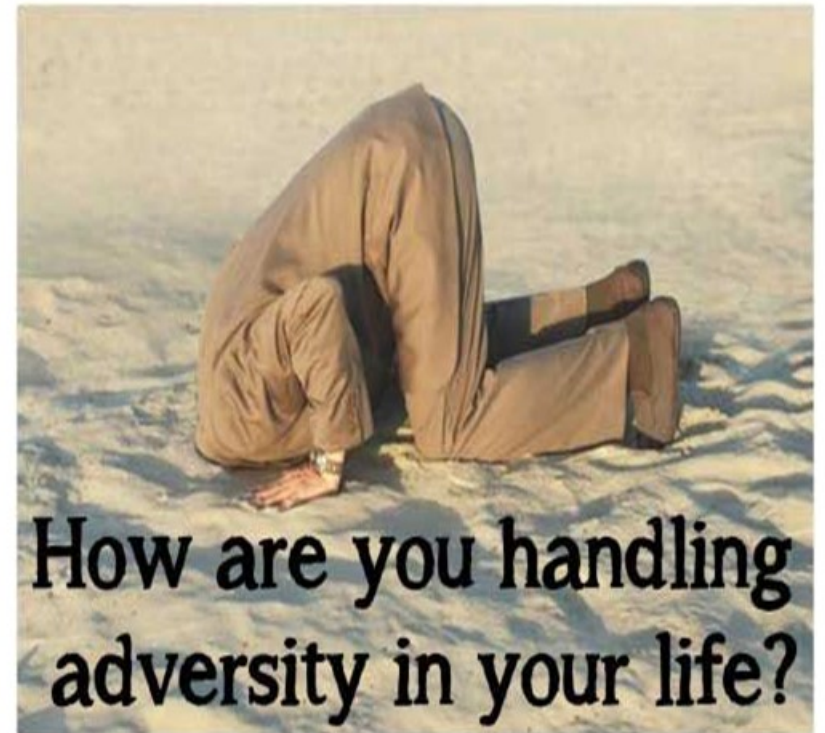
-Stephanie Sparkles



When you face adversity, you need to remind yourself that whatever is trying to defeat you could very well be what God will use to promote you.

Joel Osteen

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**How are you handling
adversity in your life?**

“IT was Necessary!”
1 Peter 4:12-19 MSG



1 Peter 4:12-13 (MSG)

- ▶ Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job.
- ▶ Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.

1 Peter 4:14-15 (MSG)

- ▶ If you're abused because of Christ, count yourself fortunate. It's the Spirit of God and his glory in you that brought you to the notice of others.
- ▶ If they're on you because you broke the law or disturbed the peace, that's a different matter.

1 Peter 4:16-17 (MSG)

- ▶ But if it's because you're a Christian, don't give it a second thought. Be proud of the distinguished status reflected in that name!
- ▶ It's judgment time for God's own family. We're first in line. If it starts with us, think what it's going to be like for those who refuse God's Message!

1 Peter 4:18-19 (MSG)

- ▶ If good people barely make it, What's in store for the bad?
- ▶ So if you find life difficult because you're doing what God said, take it in stride. Trust him. He knows what he's doing, and he'll keep on doing it.

Point #1
Christian suffering is inevitable

- ▶ 1 Peter 3:17 – “For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.”
- ▶ Acts 14:22b – “...And that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”

Point #2

The attacks from our enemies are real

- ▶ Ephesians 6:12 – “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”
- ▶ 1 Peter 5:8 – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

Point #3

God is in control

- ▶ Romans 8:28 → “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.”
- ▶ Psalm 115:3 (NIV) → “Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.”

Point #4

Your 'IT' was necessary for growth

- ▶ 2 Peter 3:18 → “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...”
- ▶ James 1:2-4 (NLT) → “Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.”