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Word

The growth process

Romans 5:1-5

Father had 2 sons

What kind of son are you?

Romans 8:19

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Why do we lose our peace?

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ As evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." ³⁶ So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). ³⁷ But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. ³⁸ Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with His head on a cushion. The disciples woke Him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't You care that we're going to drown?" ³⁹ When Jesus woke up, He rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then He asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹ The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey Him!"

1. Not trusting God.
2. Not knowing the will of God.
3. Not taking responsibility.

1. Learn solitude and silence

Psalms 46:10a

Be still, and know that I am God;

Psalms 4:4

Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah

2. Learn to talk to yourself

Psalms 116:7-8 (MSG)

⁷ I said to myself, "Relax and rest. GOD has showered you with blessings.

⁸ Soul, you've been rescued from death; Eye, you've been rescued from tears; And you, Foot, were kept from stumbling."

Psalms 103:1-2

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

3. Present yourself to God

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

The joy of trials

James 1:2-4

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Conclusion

1. Trials and tribulations cause growth, but it depends on our response.
2. God wants to trust us with families, cities, nations.
3. Our emotional maturity is linked to our spiritual maturity.