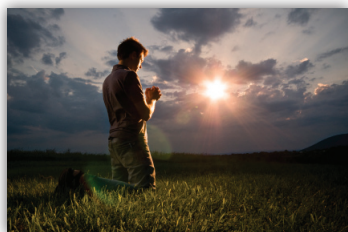


***Life Principle Day Seven:***  
*The dark moments of our life will last only so long as is necessary for God to accomplish His purpose in us.*

Today's Reading  
2 Corinthians 1:3-11



Today's walk leads you up and down the rolling hills and through the dark valleys of adversity. To your surprise, however, you discover that God is leading you for His purposes. When adversity occurs, you profit from the experiences. Your Heavenly Father leads you down this path to strengthen and equip you, to bless and encourage others. Although those dark moments may seem long, they last no longer than is necessary for God to do His work.

When trials occur, keep walking faithfully with God, and, eventually, there will be a turn in God's narrow path. Even when Satan is the source of your troubles, God does establish limitations in time and intensity on the heartache and suffering you will experience. Don't turn your back on God and walk in the opposite direction. No, it is

in times of adversity that you need to reach out and grab God's hand as you walk.

It certainly helps to recognize that trials are not arbitrary. God's purpose is that you will grow spiritually and be better equipped to serve Him in the future. Perhaps He wants to divulge a weakness in your life or strengthen your character. He may want to gain your attention. He may want to lead you on a path away from pride or another sin in our life. God may be preparing you to serve His future plans to bring comfort to others facing difficulties.

It has been my experience that the best response to adversity is that of faith. Knowing that God is always with me, guiding my steps allows my heart to trust Him for a godly outcome. How will you handle the adversity in your path? This path is only as long as God deems necessary.

To listen to Dr. Stanley, click here: <http://www.intouch.org/resources/life-principles-to-live-by/content/topic/the-dark-moments-in-our-life-life-principle>

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