

MY SETBACKS AS A SETUP
Learning From Life's Troubles Part-2
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You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

God will bless you, if you don't give up when your faith is being tested. He will reward you with a glorious life, just as he rewards everyone who loves him.

James 1:12 (CEV)

I Need to Believe that Sometimes...

1. ...God Stops something in order to replace it with something New.

He (Job) said, "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The LORD gave me what I had, and the LORD has taken it away. Praise the name of the LORD!" In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

Job 1:21-22 (NLT)

2. ...God removes my Security to teach me to trust Him more.

There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil...He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area.

Job 1:1-3 (NLT)

So the LORD blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning.

Job 42:12 (NLT)

3. ...The path to the Promised Land takes you through the Wilderness.

Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.

Luke 4:1-2 (NLT)

The path to the mountain top goes through the valley.

4. ...God needs to Stretch me in order to Grow me.

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles 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.

James 1:2-4 (NLT)

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign LORD is my strength!

Habakkuk 3:17-19a (NLT)

All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children... I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:7, 3-5 (NLT)

THIS SETBACK IS A SET UP FOR A GREAT COMEBACK!