

PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS, WHY PROBLEMS?

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for good

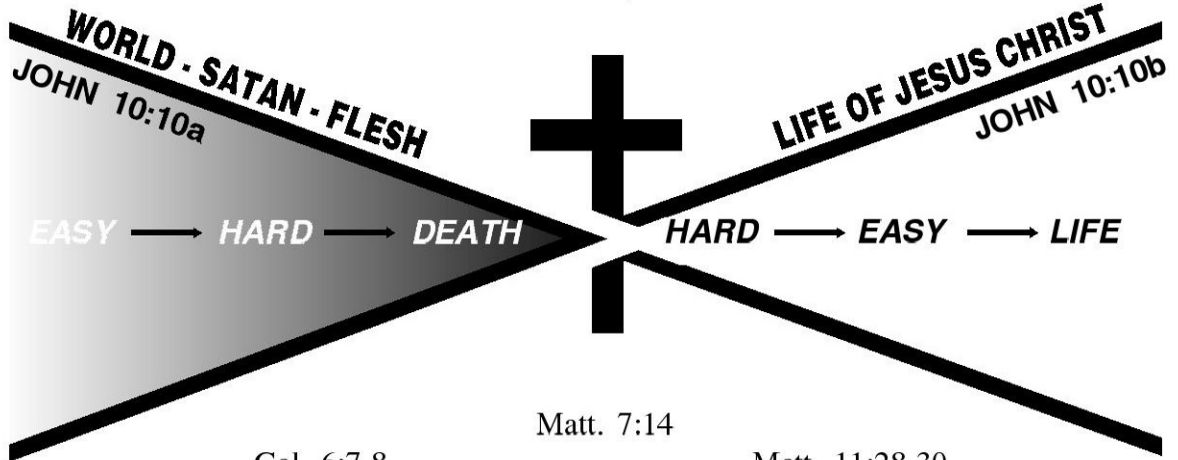
Romans 8:28

Scripture says that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). Is this true in your experience as well as in your theological belief? If so, do you become aware of the process only after the good has been worked out? Do you know God's heart and walk with Him, so that you can rejoice in the completion of God's good purpose while actually *in the pressures* of the moment?

Seek to understand the experiences of your life from God's perspective. Victorious Christian living is rooted in victorious Christian thinking—especially in regard to the problems of life. There are three kinds of problems in life: **(1) problems God allows for His glory, (2) problems God allows because He loves us and wants to bring us to maturity, (3) problems that are the result of our own wrong choices.**

DEATH TO LIFE

Rom. 8:3-4, 12-13



Matt. 7:14

Gal. 6:7-8

Matt. 11:28-30

Matt. 7:13

James 1:13-15

Rom. 8:1-2

John 5:24

Prov. 14:12

Matt. 16:24-26

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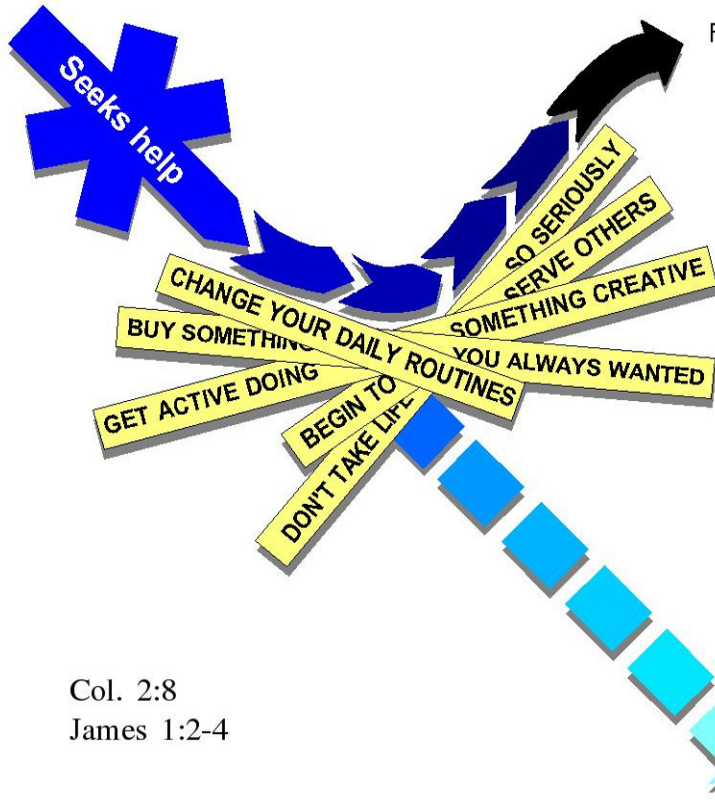
GOD USES EVERYTHING



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WELL-MEANING DETOURS



FEELS BETTER—
& MORE ABLE TO COPE . . .

BUT—

WHAT GOD WANTS
TO ACCOMPLISH
IS NEVER UNDERSTOOD,
MUCH LESS REALIZED.

Col. 2:8
James 1:2-4

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DEAD TO THE SELF-LIFE
AND ALIVE TO CHRIST'S LIFE

1 Thess. 5:18
Eph. 5:20



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REVIEW

- Problems in life cannot be avoided.
- God uses *everything* in our lives to accomplish His purposes.
- Often problems cause us to come to a point of weakness either physically, spiritually, financially, or relationally so we will give up doing things our way.
- God wants us to trust Him because of His sovereignty, love, and power.
- We can even thank God for the problems He permits, because they cause us to come to Him and totally depend on Him.



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