



KEEP YOUR HOPE ALIVE,

THERE IS

THE LIGHT

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Romans 8:18-25

4 Reasons for Suffering

1. God's glory

John 9:3 ... so that the power of God could be seen in him.

John 9:25 "I was blind but now I see."



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2. To make you strong

James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

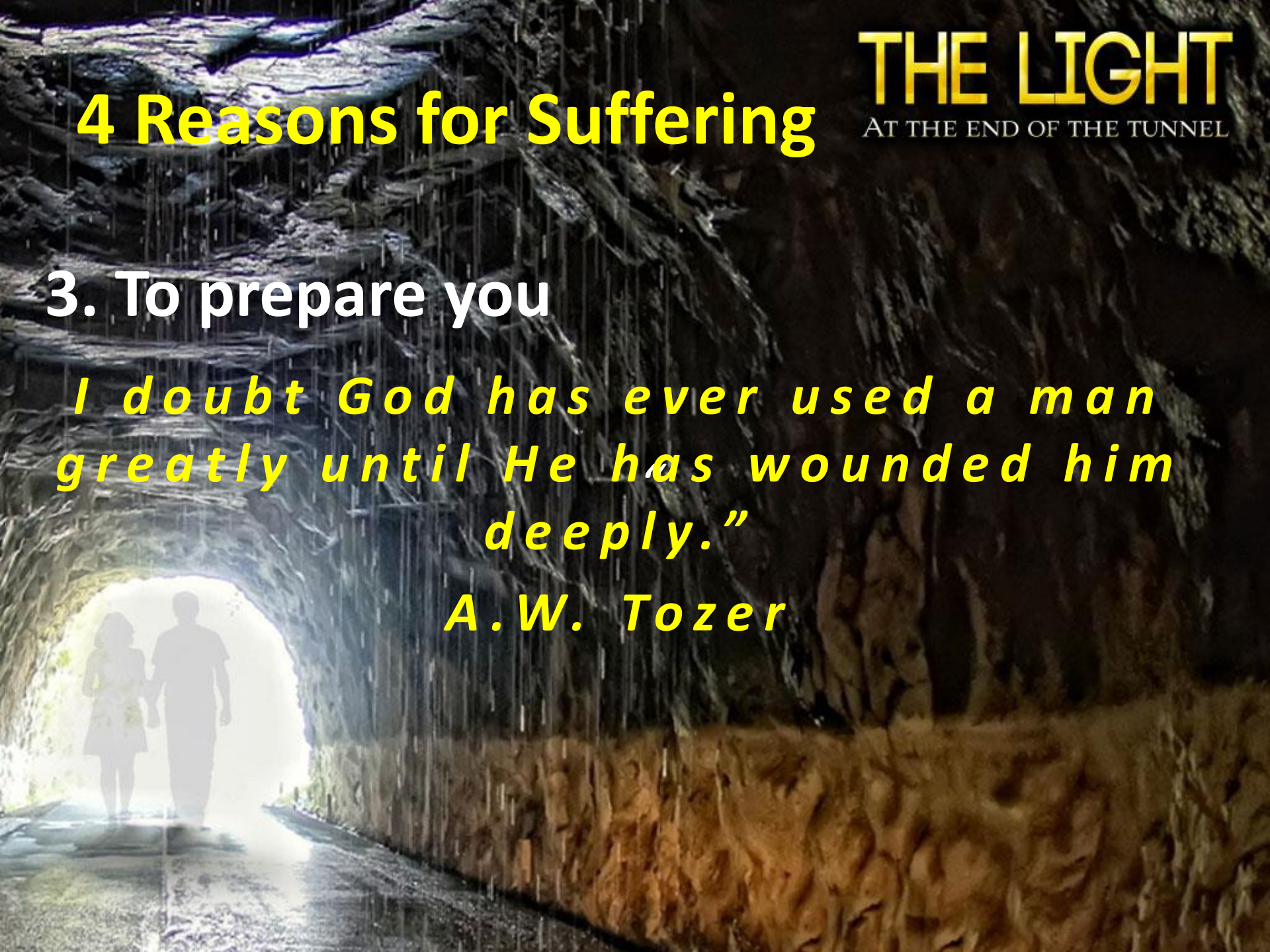
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3. To prepare you

I doubt God has ever used a man greatly until He has wounded him deeply.”

A.W. Tozer



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²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that^[a] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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4. To comfort others through you

2 Cor. 1:3-5 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the suffering of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ"

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1. An opportunity to trust God

“Psalm 56:3-4 - Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”

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2. Purify oneself from sin

Isaiah 48:10, the Lord declares, "See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction."

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3. Helps us find one another in times of crisis

Galatians 6:2 – Carry each other's burden, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."

Matthew 22:37-40 – LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

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4. Turns out for our good.

(Gen. 50:19-20) “But Joseph said to them, “don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God. 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

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BENEFITS OF SUFFERING

5. Know who God is!

JEHOVAH ELOHIM - “These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God [*Jehovah Elohim*] made the earth and the heavens....”

(Gn. 2:4).

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JEHOVAH JIREH. - “And Abraham called the name of that place The Lord Will Provide [*Jehovah Jireh*], as it is said to this day, ‘In the mount of the Lord it will be provided’ (Gen. 22:14)

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” (Rom. 8:32)

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JEHOVAH RAPHA. - “And He said, ‘If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the Lord your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the Lord, am your HEALER’ ” (Ex. 15:26, NASB).

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JEHOVAH NISSI. - “And Moses built an altar, and named it The Lord is My Banner....” (Ex. 17:15, NASB).

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JEHOVAH SHALOM. - “Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and named it The Lord is Peace [*Jehovah Shalom*]” (Jgs. 6:24, NASB).

Jesus said, “My peace I give unto you.” (Jn. 14:27)

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JEHOVAH RAAH. - “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want” (Ps. 23:1).

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep” (Jn. 10:11)

“When the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away” (1 Pt. 5:4).

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JEHOVAH TSIDKENU. - “In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**” (Jer. 23:6).

“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and sanctification, and redemption...” (1 Cor. 1:30).

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JEHOVAH SABAOOTH. - “Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts [*Jehovah Sabaoth*], he is the
King of glory” (Ps. 24:10).

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JEHOVAH SHAMMAH. - “It was round about eighteen thousand measures; and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is THERE” (Ez. 48:35).

I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Heb. 13:5, 6).

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Heavenly Father,

I come before you in faith. I confess that I am a sinner, and I need you. I repent of my sins and ask your forgiveness. I acknowledge that the work of Jesus Christ on the cross is complete and sufficient to save me from being eternally separated from you. I confess and believe with all my heart that Jesus is Lord! Jesus, come into my heart. Thank you for saving me and giving me eternal life. I welcome you Holy Spirit in my life to lead me and guide in my new walk with Jesus moment by moment. Thank you for writing my name in the Book of Life In Jesus Name! Amen.