



MESSAGE NOTES

EMPLOYING YOUR EXPERIENCE

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

I. EXPERIENCES THAT SHAPE YOU

- Family/relational experiences
- Educational experiences
- Spiritual experiences
- Vocational experiences
- Painful experiences

Genesis 50:20 - As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good,

II. GOD’S INTENTION BEHIND YOUR EXPERIENCES

John 13:7 - Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.”

My experiences are...

1. Intended to teach me _____

2 Corinthians 1:9 - But (what happened) was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God...

2. Intended to build _____

Romans 5:4 - and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

3. Intended to accomplish _____

Philippians 1:12 - I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,

III. HOW TO USE THE EXPERIENCES OF LIFE

1. _____ your experiences.

Galatians 3:4 - Did you suffer so many things in vain...?

2. _____ the lessons you learn.

Deuteronomy 11:2 - ...consider the discipline of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm,

3. _____ the experiences of others.

Proverbs 27:17 - Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

4. _____ your experiences to encourage and help people.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another and build one another up...

SHAPED to make a Difference

Job 10:8 - *Your hands fashioned and made me...*

