

## Your Story Matters Daily!



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What is your story? Each of us has a story. It might seem mundane and ordinary, but it is not! God is purposeful to shape us, guide us, and grow us in unique and individual ways. He uses our often uneventful, boring "daily" to transform us to be more like Him. Our trials have meaning in this transformational process. We can count on His grace and help through each and every one of them. He delights in us making Him part of our "daily". In Psalm 31:15, David declares, "My times are in thy hands..." What a comforting thought!

How has God used what you have experienced? What have you been through in your daily life's journey to transform you more into His likeness by responding to His ongoing grace in your life? This is what it means to "Discover Your Story". Your story does matter! What you may think is just ordinary is part of the framework and weaving of your story, your life, and "daily" walk with Christ.

Suffering is always a part of our story. James 1:2-4 states it this way: "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." We have to let God do His work in us. Suffering is when we grow the most as we seek Him. Our own suffering helps us to identify with others and help others because we have been there. Let God use your sufferings to inspire and come

alongside someone else. Your compassionate understanding may be just what someone else needs to continue on God's path for his or her life. That boost, that fresh perspective, that encouragement to "keep on keeping on", daily.

And sometimes, we ourselves need practical help. Your path may seem a bit obscured and you're not sure what to do next. Genesis helps provide tools to help you take your story/your life journey and transform your relationships with others and your relationship with God, to help you to navigate some of life's storms. Jesus is also in the boat with us to calm the sea of emotions, the rolling sea of discord, to declare in your life, "Peace, be still!" (Mark 4:39) You don't have to be afraid! He is our story, daily.

