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The Bible tells us that our current afflictions are only temporary pressures which God can use to work for us and not against us. Even the fires of adversity can be used by God to purify us, temper us, and bring us to molten moments. In these heated times of great pressure we become more moldable in God's hands and when the seasons of fire and pressure are over, we are left more in the image of God, more pure and of greater value than before.

When you face adversities and pressures of life don't allow them to move you to despair. Rather, realize that a diamond is nothing more than an old piece of coal that made good under pressure. Continue moving forward through every season of life, despite the challenges. Endure hardships and pressures of life as a good soldier and allow God time and opportunity to work His miracle in your life.

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, help me to keep my focus on the finished product instead of the often grueling processes of life. Create greater capacity in me and make me more valuable to do Your Will.

Scriptures for Today

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (NKJV)

Job 23:10 But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. (NKJV)