

Recycling My Pain

(The Road to Recovery- Part 8)

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The Sharing Choice:

I yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.

Why God Allows Pain in Your Life?

1. God has given you and others _____

God gave you free will because he wants you to love him, and love has to be voluntary.

2. God uses pain to get your _____

"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways." Proverbs 20:30 (TEV)

3. God uses pain to teach you to _____

"We were really crushed and overwhelmed...and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us." 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (LB)

"My suffering was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to your decrees." Psalm 119:71 (NLT)

4. God uses pain to give you a _____ to others.

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How can we use our Pain to Help Others?

1. Accept my _____

- We become...

"Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you for the reason for the hope that you have. but do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

- We are called to...

"If someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:1-2 (NIV)

2. Tell my _____

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