

The Purpose of Suffering

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So you can identify with Jesus Christ - Hebrews 5:8-9, 2:10-11
To eliminate sin in your life - I Peter 4:1, 12-13
An evidence of God in your life - II Thessalonians 1:4-5
A result of Godly living in your life - II Timothy 3:12
To purify your life - Job 23:10
To develop patience in your life - James 1:2-4
To fit you for eternal life - II Corinthians 4:17
To prove that God is the strength of your life - II Corinthians 4:7
To experience God's discipline in your life - Hebrews 12:5-11
So you can identify with those who suffer - II Corinthians 1:4, I Corinthians 10:13

Areas of suffering

Physical- sickness –Job – Book of Job
Emotional- stress – Moses – Exodus –18:18
Mental- cognitive dissonance –Joseph – Genesis 39
Spiritual – sin – David - Psalm 51

Biblical texts for dealing with suffering

Psalm 4
Psalm 23
Psalm 27
Psalm 107