



Inspiring Quotes

No one plans on a journey through **pain**, yet pain is often the road that God chooses to purify His children and bring us closer to Himself.

The early Christians understood what you and I are still learning. **Suffering** leads to growth. Suffering is an opportunity to rejoice. It is the suffering process that makes the man or woman for God.

If you're expecting the road to be easy just because you answered God's call to live for Him, think again. God's main purpose for us is **holiness** and Christlikeness, not ease and comfort.

If you've responded to God's call in your life, chances are you're either in the **wilderness**, are headed to the wilderness, or have just come out of the wilderness. Throughout the pages of Scripture, you will find that the most popular place to learn God's ways is smack in the middle of the wilderness. Every single person who has been greatly used by God has had to go through the wilderness.

No matter how good your intentions are, until you actively unplug the distractions and simplify things, you will find that hearing God's voice will remain a great challenge. **Listening to God's voice** in your life demands your full attention and devotion.

Absolute surrender is the pathway to **joy**.

There is no other way of dealing with your **idols** than to utterly and completely destroy them. You can't negotiate your way out of them. You can't keep on justifying them. You can't over-intellectualize them or ignore them or bury them.

Waiting is a test that every follower of Jesus Christ will have to take over and over again.

We're good at analyzing and theorizing and intellectualizing our faith, but the last thing we actually do is get on our knees and **pray**. It's time we relied more readily on prayer. It's every Christian's privilege and your secret to lasting peace.

God's call is not a multiple-choice menu where we can select the options we like for our own version of Christianity. His call is an all-or-nothing, black-and-white, all-in or all-out call.

God doesn't need our abilities as much as He desires our **surrendered hearts**. After all, He hasn't called us to a job but to Himself.

God moves His children away from our attachments to our security blankets and comfort measures that threaten to lull us into a **spiritual coma**.

Won't you stop looking at deliverance from your trials as the gauge for **God's faithfulness** to you and see in the midst of your suffering a God who is faithful and true? He will not rest until He has accomplished His purposes for your life.

God continues to use **disappointment and misplaced expectations** to remind me that He alone is the answer to the longing in my heart.

While I had expected Him to use me, He was committed to making me **usable**. While I had expected outward results, God was interested in internal **heart change**.

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