

EMPLOYING YOUR EXPERIENCE

Getting Into S.H.A.P.E. – Part 5

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Job 10:8 (NIV) “Your hands *shaped* me and *made* me...”

Genesis 50:20 (NIV) “You intended to harm me, but **God intended it for good** to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

John 13:7 (NIV) “Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but **later you will understand.**”

GOD WILL USE YOUR EXPERIENCES...

1. To teach you to _____ Him.

2 Corinthians 1:9 (NCV) “Truly, in our own hearts we believed we would die. But this happened so we would **not trust in ourselves but in God** who raises people from the dead.”

2. To build your _____.

Romans 5:3b-4 (NIV) “...We know that **suffering produces perseverance**; ⁴perseverance, **character**; and character, hope.”

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

3. To accomplish His _____.

Philippians 1:12 (CEV) “My dear friends, I want you to know that **what has happened to me has helped to spread the good news.**”

HOW TO USE THE EXPERIENCES OF LIFE

1. _____ your experiences.

Galatians 3:4 (TEV) “**Did all your experience mean nothing at all? Surely it meant something!**”

Galatians 3:4 (Phillips) *"Has all your painful experience brought you nowhere?"*

2. _____ the lessons you learned.

In The School Of Experience...

- If you _____ the test the first time, keep taking it until you pass.
- When you come to _____, you find there's more to learn.

Deuteronomy 11:2a (TEV) *"Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with Him."*

3. _____ the experiences of others.

Proverbs 27:17 (TEV) *"People learn from one another, just as iron sharpens iron."*

Proverbs 25:12 (TEV) *"A warning given by an experienced person to someone willing to listen is more valuable than gold rings or jewelry made of the finest gold."*

4. _____ your experiences to encourage and help other people.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (TEV) *"...Encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing."*

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (TEV) *"Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes! ⁴ He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God."*