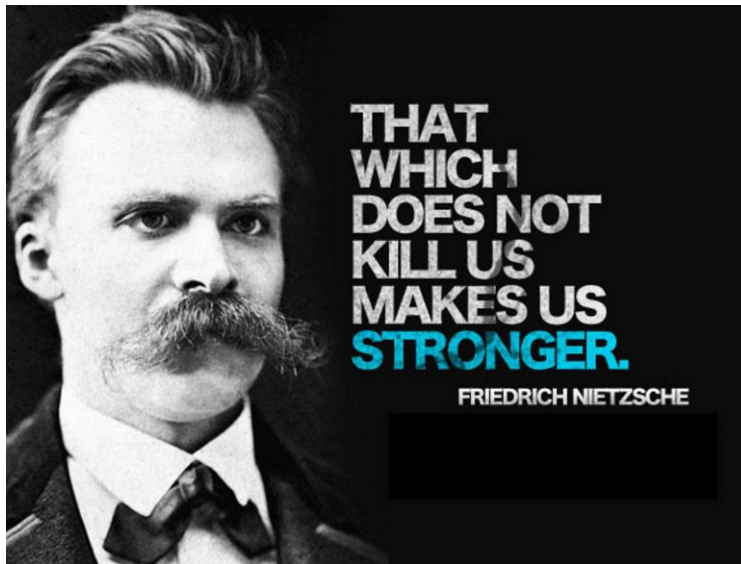


Facing Trouble Together
Family More or Less Ideal – Part 5 of 6
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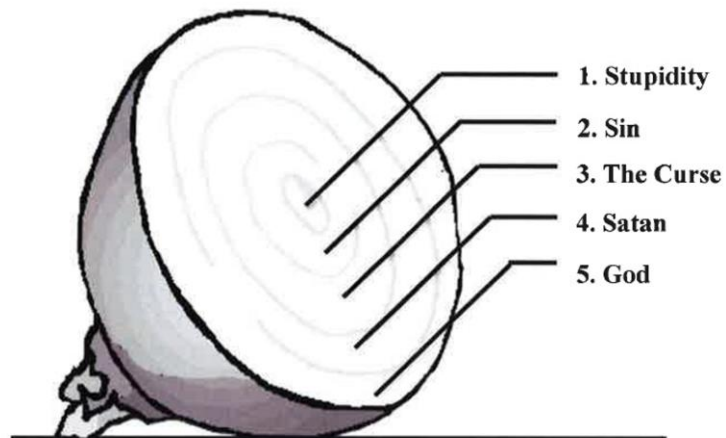
Finish this sentence: “That, which does not kill me, only makes me_____.”



Trouble is a normal part of life. (Job 5:7 NIV)

Job 5:7 Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward. NIV

THE SOURCES OF SUFFERING



Isaiah 53:1-10 The Living Bible (TLB)

But, oh, how few believe it! Who will listen? To whom will God reveal his saving power? 2 In God's eyes[a] he was like a tender green shoot, sprouting from a root in dry and sterile ground. But in our eyes there was no attractiveness at all, nothing to make us want him. 3 We despised him and rejected him—a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way when he went by. He was despised, and we didn't care. 4 Yet it was our grief he bore, our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, for his own sins! 5 But he was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; he was lashed—and we were healed! 6 We—every one of us—have strayed away like sheep! We, who left God's paths to follow our own, Yet God laid on him the guilt and sins of every one of us! 7 He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he never said a word. He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he stood silent before the ones condemning him. 8 From prison and trial they led him away to his death. But who among the people of that day realized it were their sins that he was dying for—that he was suffering their punishment? 9 He was buried like a criminal, but in a rich man's grave; but he had done no wrong and had never spoken an evil word. 10 But it was the Lord's good plan to bruise him and fill him with grief. However, when his soul has been made an offering for sin, then he shall have a multitude of children, many heirs. He shall live again,[b] and God's program shall prosper in his hands.

God uses trouble to train His children. (Hebrews 12:7-11 NIV)

Hebrews 12:7-11 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! 10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. NIV

God wants parents to provide a shelter in the storms. (Proverbs 14:26 NIV)

Proverbs 14:26 He who fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge. NIV

1Samuel 24:4 NIV The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

1 Samuel 24:5-7 NIV Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. 6 He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord." 7 With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

Don't short-circuit the process for yourself or others!! (Romans 5:3-5 NIV)

Romans 5:3-5 NIV Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

How Do I Help My Family Face Trouble Together?

1. Ask God to help you Psalm 17:6-8 NIV

Psalm 17:6-8 NIV I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. 7 Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings

2. Stay humble Deuteronomy 8:16

Deuteronomy 8:16 He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. NIV

3. Adopt God's goals for trials (James 1:2-4 NIV)

James 1:2-4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. NIV

4. Learn, obey and then teach God's word to your family (Proverbs 30:5-6 NIV)

Proverbs 30:5-6 "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. 6 Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar. NIV

My Next Step today is to...

- ☐ To be born again into God's family by repenting and putting my faith in Jesus Christ
- ☐ Get _____ help to learn God's thoughts and will for a trial I'm facing.
- ☐ Help my family face _____ together by _____.