



Outward Pain for Inward Progress

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Christmas Presents (Video)

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THANK YOU FOR THE VALLEY (SONG REFERENCED)

CHORUS

Thank You for every hill I climbed
For every time the sun didn't shine
Thank You for every lonely night
I prayed 'til I knew everything was all right
And I thank You for the valley
I walked through today

VERSE 1

Thank You for the valley
I walked through today
The darker the valley
The more I learned to pray
I found You where the lilies
Are blooming by the way
And I thank You for the valley
I walked through today

VERSE 2

Life can't be all sunshine
All the flowers would die
The rivers would be deserts
All barren and dry
Life can't be all blessings
Or there'd be no need to pray
So I thank You for the valley
I walked through today

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A.W. Tozer (quoted)

"While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who has not surrendered authority"

Colossians 2:10 (NIV)

"... and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority."

Colossians 4:7-12, 16-18 (NIV)

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you... ... 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Prayer

God, help me grow inwardly through the pain I am experiencing outwardly. Let your perspective overwhelm me with hope for transformation. I want you to be glorified through me. In Jesus Name, Amen.