

Managing your Mind

When life doesn't make sense
Part 1

"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts." **Proverbs 4:23 (GNB)**

"The Lord says, "My thoughts are not like your thoughts. Your ways are not like my ways. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." **Isaiah 55:8-9 (NCV)**

Is God causing me
to develop an
_____?

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. **2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT2)**

Is God _____ Me?

"And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child." **Hebrews 12:5-6 (NLT)**

How? _____ and

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord," **Acts 3:19 (NIV84)**

"I am not sorry that I sent that severe letter to you, though I was sorry at first, for I know it was painful to you for a little while. Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to repent and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have..." **2 Corinthians 7:8-9 (NLT)**

Is God Changing my Plans?

“They went to Phrygia, and then on through the region of Galatia. Their plan was to turn west into Asia province, but the Holy Spirit blocked that route. So they went to Mysia and tried to go north to Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus wouldn’t let them go there either. Proceeding on through Mysia, they went down to the seaport Troas.

That night Paul had a dream: A Macedonian stood on the far shore and called across the sea, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!”” “The dream gave Paul his map. We went to work at once getting things ready to cross over to Macedonia. All the pieces had come together. We knew now for sure that God had called us to preach the good news to the Europeans.” **Acts 16:6–10 (The Message)**

He [God] is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” **2 Peter 3:9 (NIV84)**

“God is faithful and reliable.
If we confess our sins, he
forgives them and cleanses
us from everything we’ve
done wrong.” 1 John 1:9 (GW)