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Psalms 103:19-22

Sometimes it's hard to understand God's purposes for adversity. In the midst of a personal tragedy, the Lord's sovereignty may seem like impractical and unrealistic theology. But the truth is, God works all things together for the believer's good ([Rom. 8:28](#)).

David's writings illustrate the importance of trusting that the Lord is in control, no matter how difficult the situation. Sometimes it's easy to think of the biblical writers as perfect, almost Christlike figures. But David's life was full of adversity, temptation, sin, and forgiveness.

When he was running for his life from King Saul, God spared him. When he yielded to temptation with Bathsheba, God spared him. When his son attempted to take David's throne, God spared him and kept him as king.

Through all of these unfortunate circumstances, David discovered God was protecting and guiding him every step of the way—and using him for extraordinary purposes, despite his human failings. These experiences taught David to trust wholeheartedly in the Lord's sovereignty.

For those of us in similar situations, the question is, Do we believe God is in control? If He's not, then who is? In other words, if life events are random and without purpose, then

to whom do we turn in trials?

In [1 Chronicles 29:12](#), David says that God rules over everything and His hand strengthens everyone. Have faith in the Lord's ability to strengthen you with His sovereign hand. Though you may not always understand His reasons, you can surely trust His purposes.

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