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Life's hardships and pains are temporary my friends. The Apostle Paul assured us of this during the many trials he faced while serving the Gospel with the world.

He could encourage and comfort with such joy because he had seen the risen LORD and heaven's glory. Yet, he called himself the least among us because he persecuted the church in its infancy.

We are called to endure hardships so that the Lord's power can be manifest in our weaknesses. His grace and promises are working within us and through us a great witness to the lost and unbelieving.

The Lord will never abandon us nor can any one separate us from the love of God. God gave His only begotten Son for us, will He not continue to stand with us and when need be carry us!

I believe He has permitted our hardships and equipped us to endure them so He may send us out as examples and witnesses of His grace, love, strength, and mercy. We are to help those around us by the experiences we have endured and learned from at the Lord's feet... in prayer.

Each new day is a day closer to our true reward and rest. In that day, all will be restored to us, even our strength, health and youth. All shall be made new.