

I. The Reality of Adversity

- A. Our starting point Faith in God's plan and purpose (Rom. 8:28)
- B. Our Relationship God is good and cares about us (Jer. 29:11)
- C. Our <u>Purpose</u> To be <u>formed</u> into the <u>perfect</u> image of Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29)
- D. Our <u>Reality</u> Life is full of adversity from <u>within</u> and <u>without</u>.
 - 1. Jehoshaphat was <u>faithful</u> to God (2 Chr. 17:3-6)
 - 2. Yet, He faced a severe Adversity (2 Chr. 20:1,2)

II. The Roots of Adversity

- A. Adversity comes from Our <u>flesh</u>/Our <u>choices</u> (James 1:14-15; Gal. 6:7,8)
- B. Adversity come from the World natural world fallen world
- C. Adversity comes from an <u>active evil</u> force <u>Satan</u> is called the "Adversary" (I Peter 5:8)
- D. Adversity comes from <u>God</u> allowing adversity (James 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-6)

III. The Revelations of Adversity

- A. Adversity reveals our true heart Will he trust God or ourselves or others?
- B. Adversity reveals our dependence upon the world can we be satisfied by the world?
- C. Adversity reveals our <u>preparedness</u> to fight the <u>spiritual</u> battles are we ready?
- D. Adversity reveals our <u>character</u> flaws that need to be <u>transformed</u>.