

Don't Curse the Guardrail

Geoff was driving in a dense fog on a dangerous mountain road with little to no shoulder. His vision was obscured, and he was startled when an oncoming vehicle sped around a sharp curve and forced him against the guardrail.

He stopped to inspect the damage, and was outraged at the ugly scrapes down the side of his new pickup truck. His initial reaction was to curse the guardrail. When he calmed down a little, he realized the guardrail very likely saved his life.

Life serves up a lot of unexpected challenges. Maybe you've been the victim of a lost job, a failed marriage, disease or terminal illness, bankruptcy, unfulfilled dreams, accidental death in the family, or deep disappointment. In those circumstances, it's easy to blame God.

But even when it seems your world is falling apart, it is helpful to try to look at the big picture. Don't curse your circumstances. Take comfort in the knowledge that God loves you and – even though it's painful – He will see you through the hard times.

The story of Job is one of history's best-known examples of a good man suffering loss and tragedy. Yet, in the middle of his trials, Job was confident that God would eventually purify him, making him "as pure gold" (Job 23:10).

No, it's not easy, but the thing we have to do is remind ourselves of God's sovereignty. Whatever trial you're going through, let it propel you to search for strength and reassurance in God's Word.

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

– Beecher Hunter

