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(Deut. 2:7) "He knows your trudging through" (Psalm 23:4) "I walk through"
(Psalm 66:6) "They went through the river ... we will rejoice in Him"
(Psalm 106:8-10) "He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness"
(Isaiah 43:1-3) "through the waters ... through the rivers ... through the fire ..."
(Job 29:1-3) "... by His light I walked through the darkness"

(1 Corinthians 10:13) "... God is faithful, who will not allow you
to be tempted beyond what you are able, but will ..."

2. "AFTERWARD" - (Hebrews 12:11) "no chastening seems to be joyful for the present,
but painful, nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness
to those who have been trained by it."

When problems lead us to praise, and when problems "yield" good things, and when
a disadvantage becomes an advantage; then, bruises result in a benefit or blessing.

- 1) When they cause us to depend more upon God..
(Psalm 18:1-3; Psalm 34:19; Psalm 46:1)
- 2) When they make us more compassionate toward others.
(2 Corinthians 1:3-4) "... and God of all comfort, who comforts us in our
tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble ..."
- 3) When they cause us to have a stronger desire for heaven.
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- 4) When they cause me to have confidence to overcome another trouble.
I become an example to myself that I can defeat the next trouble in my life.
- 5) When my getting "through" gives confidence to others that they can, too.
We are an example to others, and they say, "If Brian can do it, so can I."
- 6) When they result in producing patience: (Romans 5:3-4; James 1:2-3)
- 7) When they cause me to appreciate the good times.
- 8) When they drive me to observe and learn God's word: (Psalm 119:62, v71)

CLOSE: (Romans 8:18) "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time
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(2 Corinthians 4:7-11)

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