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All the pain, suffering, and brokenness you have experienced in your life is not proof that God doesn't exist or that He doesn't love you. God has simply allowed these things in order to drive you to your knees and to reflect!

There are also times when God will only release his blessings on us after a season of prolonged suffering, pain, and brokenness, because He is in the process of transforming the darkness that exists in us.

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It is God's perfect will for you to surrender your life to Jesus and to be saved.

No one has failed too much, sinned too much, or been out of relationship with God for too long, wherein God refuses to keep trying to reach us, save us, love us, heal us, and use us for His successful purposes.

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# What's holding you back from surrendering your life to Jesus?

Is there something in your life that Christ is asking you to surrender in order to bring you into a place of greater favor and blessings?

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