

Be careful you don't interrupt the work of God

It is heart breaking to see someone we love on a journey of pain and suffering. We just want to rush in, scoop them up and rescue them but the overriding message of (James 1:2-4) is that adversity is the gymnasium of life. It prepares us for the greater challenges that lay ahead. It creates within us a perseverance that scripture tells us must be allowed to finish its work in order to make us depend on Christ.



It is a daunting thought when you consider that there may be times when in trying to rescue someone from their suffering we may not only be interrupting a work of God but we may also be doing the devil's bidding. This is why when Peter attempted to rescue Jesus from the suffering of the cross, Jesus told him "Get ye behind me, Satan." (Matthew 16:23).

So, in offering support and pastoral care to those in difficulty let us seek God for wisdom and not be too hasty in our inclination to rush in and rescue those who are in trouble . This might sound harsh but God may be teaching them to put their trust and security in him. Be supportive but keep in mind that there are times when well meaning intervention may rob someone of the blessings of God.

(James 1:2-4)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.