

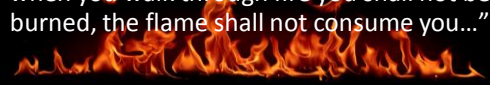
Our suffering has purpose

- your promotion
- God's megaphone
- intimacy with God
- clarifies perspective
- gain compassion

**Taking it home: comfort**

Isaiah 43:1-2

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you... when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, the flame shall not consume you..."

**Taking it home: hope**

Romans 8:28

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

**Taking it home: prepare your heart**

Daniel 3:17-18

"If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king... but even if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods..."

