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Introduction

Many years ago, I gave up. Today I can take it and even tell it in this book, because the Lord has already healed my heart and dealt with my human pride, so that I can be sincere while surely being effective in teaching.

It's good to teach from triumphant experiences, but lost causes have that tinge of wisdom that won situations don't, and I hope to have the ability to share that wisdom.

When I refer to sharing that wisdom, I am not referring to giving you a book full of personal experiences, but rather giving you a book written today, with the perspective of the mind of Christ. When one is connected to the life of the Spirit, one begins to be imparted by the light of life and that light allows us to understand what was not before.

*"The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which grows brighter and brighter until it is day."*

Proverbs 4:18 PDT

When I was young I really liked to write stories or simply life stories. I have never been a good writer, I just

tried to put my thoughts on paper. Before I did it from my darkness and now I can do it from the light of the Lord.

My stories were melancholic in nature, generally love stories that ended badly. The reason was surely my frustrated experience of disappointed love, but I really had no other way of seeing the end of things. I thought: “Everything is over... The sun rises, but in the end, the night will swallow it, a child is born, but with the passing of the years it will cease to be, it will be lost in the memory of what it was and one day it will die. ...

He also considered that the heartbeat of lovers was beautiful, but in the end, everything ended the same, whether they stopped loving each other, deceived each other or simply moved away from each other, in the end they would end badly. Ultimately, I believed that if they managed to continue loving each other, one day she would have to die, or he would die, but one would leave, leaving the other in a mantle of insurmountable pain, I don't know, in the end, I thought that everything would end the same ...

I saw everything from white to black, never the other way around, I saw from life to death, from success to failure, from happiness to pain, I had no other way to evaluate, that was simply my truth.

I think deep down in my heart I wanted to hold onto things or feel safe, but I knew it was impossible and that

caused me anguish. I loved my parents and enjoyed my childhood, but over time I saw them grow old and I knew that one day I would lose them, as well as the house of that childhood, the neighborhood, the ball and the friends, one day they would vanish and that caused me pain. .

One day I fell head over heels in love and was desperately honest or stupidly gullible, but I really loved, and that ultimately caused me a lot of pain. I didn't know how to be immune to the reality that was hitting me and it was getting worse and worse, until one day I tried to take my own life and I didn't have the courage to do it, so I cowardly tried to make it happen by attacking myself at night, in vices and in personal abuse.

Everything continued downhill and he no longer tried to brake, in the end, he had assumed that everything would end the same, so the faster the better. But I did not count on Him. I did not know that behind the scenes of my life was the true protagonist of everything, there was his gaze, his care and his eternal love. I didn't know that's why I felt like failure.

I did not know Jesus and I did not know that he was with me at all times, I had not seen him, that is why life had no meaning, because he is the truth and the life . Love made no sense, because He is true love.

Everything in my life was lost from light to darkness, when in reality it should have been from darkness to light. Everything led me to an irremediable death, that's why internally I felt that everything ended badly, because I didn't know his eternal love.

I wish, dear reader, that you can find in this book some tools that allow you to work for eternal success and you will see that pain is never failure, we must only understand pain according to God, for which I invite you to carefully read each concept from a high Rock called Jesus Christ and in the most wonderful peace of his advice.

We live in an era of success and vanity, for which only the first wins, the pretty, the rich, the famous and by strange logic, the second places are not celebrated.

I remember a TV show in which dozens of talented people competed for recognition, a big contract, and true fame. In each weekly program, there were some eliminated, so each program was the result of goodbyes, tears and pain, only at the end of the year and in the last program the only winner madly celebrated . That social message is not innocent, many fail and only one is the winner.

I have to tell you that without a doubt in life without God it can be like that, but with Christ we are more than conquerors and there is no failure, although there may be

pain and that is what I will try to teach you on each page of this book.

***"Happy are those who find help in you,
those who wish to make a pilgrimage to your mountain!
When they pass through the Valley of Tears
they will turn it into a spring,
and even the rain will fill you with blessings;
their forces will increase,
and in Zion they will see the supreme God..."***

Psalm 84:5 to 7 DHH



Chapter One

Diagnosing the pain

Diagnosis is the act of knowing the nature of pain, by observing its symptoms or signs.

In our life we are all the time deciding things, from the simplest to the most complex, all are analyzed with greater or lesser care, but then we act as we consider best.

Logically, there are decisions that are not so important. Getting up in the morning and thinking about what we are going to wear or if we have breakfast with coffee or fruit, are not very important things, at most we will be more comfortable or uncomfortable with the chosen clothing, just as we can feel fuller or even guilty with a bad breakfast, but nothing more.

However, there are decisions that are of great importance, for example what career we are going to study or who we are going to marry. It's not the same collateral

damage that one more croissant can cause than one wrong spouse, right?

In any case, we cannot avoid making decisions continuously and inevitably our decisions will produce results. There are times when these results are good and give us satisfaction, however there are also bad results in our decisions and these can cause pain, so we must diagnose what was or where that pain was generated.

Nobody likes to suffer pain, if someone enjoys such a thing, they may be a masochist, however healthy people do not want to suffer pain. One day I was reading an article about pain and I was very struck by the exposition of a professional who masterfully explained why pain is our ally.

He said that the pains were alarms of the body to warn that something is wrong. He also said that if we did not have pain, we could die from any situation that was avoidable or easy to treat.

For example, appendicitis can be something simple if the pain is ignored, but if it is ignored it can trigger peritonitis that can even lead to death.

A headache can indicate high blood pressure, a liver ache can prevent us from continuing to eat badly, a

toothache can warn us of a cavity or infection, I cite these simple symptoms because we have all suffered from them and they seem harmless, but imagine for a moment time someone totally ignores them. They are very likely to end in tragedy.

High blood pressure can cause a stroke, an ignored liver pain can destroy the organ and an infection in our mouth, can cause the loss of teeth or even go up to the brain to cause death itself.

Therefore it is not absurd to conclude that a pain can even be a blessing. The important thing is to diagnose it correctly, because not doing so can also be fatal.

A few years ago I suffered a very strong muscular contracture, due to my many hours of travel and a general state of stress that complicated my whole organism. I remember that I was doubled over in my room and could not regain my position, so we determined with my wife to call a doctor.

I am not characterized by consulting professionals and not because I consider it bad, on the contrary, science and medicine in particular are our allies, but I never go to the doctor and I try not to take any medication. I repeat, I'm not saying it's okay, I'm just confessing my mental toughness about it. In any case, and thank God I have not

needed to do it, I would not oppose it in case of extreme necessity and this was a clear example.

I live in a small town in the province of La Pampa and the doctor we called was one of those doctors from before, those with his typical briefcase who visits everyone and for any type of symptom, the well-known town doctor.

When he arrived at my house, he found me with severe back pain, but I tried to straighten myself as best I could and argued that it was not that bad, that in reality I had a muscle contracture due to the bad posture I endured on my trips. , tiredness and a bad movement. He assured her that with some painkiller she would be much better quickly. The old doctor looked at me for a moment and then said: "You want to shut up...!"

I felt scolded by the old man and I was a little embarrassed, but in the end he made me smile saying; "Sure... I am the doctor... You can confuse me... If you are so clear about what you have , why did you call me? I am the one who has to diagnose it. What if I listen to you and you have something else? I am going to review it and then I am going to prescribe what I consider, but you cannot tell me what I should do, because I am the doctor..."

Well... Despite the challenge, I must say that the experienced doctor was right. In fact, he came to the

conclusion that it wasn't just a contracture or the result of bad posture, it was a state of stress about which he warned me harshly, even saying that if I didn't change my rhythm of life I would end up dead... Then he concluded: “ I clearly warn you, you do what you want...”

Anyway, that day, I was able to understand that diagnosing is a serious thing and that being irresponsible is giving an opinion lightly on a situation or drawing simple conclusions.

In life we can suffer pain of all kinds, but if we do not diagnose it correctly, it can turn into a serious situation. The question would then be: Are we qualified to diagnose the origin of our pain?

If we are honest, we must agree with the wise village doctor. We are not doctors of life and when we suffer from pain we must turn to a professional, someone who knows and understands what may really be happening to us.

“It will come up like a branch before Him, and like a root out of dry ground; there is no appearance in Him, nor beauty; We will see him, but without attraction for us to desire him.

Despised and rejected among men, a man of sorrows, experienced in brokenness; and as we hid our faces from him, he was despised, and we did not esteem him. Surely

He bore our sicknesses, and suffered our pains; and we considered him scourged, wounded by God and dejected. But He was wounded for our rebellions, crushed for our sins; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:2 to 5

How wonderful is our Father, in his Omnipotence he could not experience human weakness, for which, loving us, he became a man to save men and understand our pains. Such was his love and his work that he became a man of sorrows and experienced in sorrows. Something like a qualified professional to diagnose correctly.

When things happen to us in life, we rush to diagnose and often end up blaming others for our pain. When it is not a relative, it is a boss, or a neighbor, or an ungrateful love or a corrupt ruler, but in the end, we conclude that someone must be to blame for what happens to us.

However, I must be honest and somewhat harsh in this part, but I have learned that those who blame are slaves, they simply believe they are victims and do not produce changes, they only cry about their misfortunes, making someone else responsible for their pain.

Moreover, when someone believes they are a victim, they not only blame others, but in their pain they can even

blame God for their misfortune. Their favorite phrase is: "I don't know why these things happen to me, if I'm a good person... I don't know why God punishes me with this pain..."

Well, this may or may not be your case... I'm not trying to generalize unfairly, I'm just putting it this way because in addition to being a teacher, I'm a pastor and I deal with many people and I've heard concepts like these many times.

In reality, the person who thinks this way is misdiagnosing their pain. It is as if the doctor who visited me put the stethoscope on my neighbor to listen to his heartbeat and then conclude my situation. It 's like taking my wife's blood pressure to find out how I'm doing... You understand me, right?

What I say may sound crazy when it comes to physical pain, the question would be: why do we do this with the pain we suffer in life? When a situation causes us pain, we automatically think of third parties as aggressors and we simply think of ourselves as victims.

Jesus never did that and I think we should learn from Him. Jesus grew like a root on dry ground. Can you imagine that? Can you assess how difficult it can be for a small root

to survive and bear fruit in the middle of a dry and hostile land? Well, that was Jesus...

When he was born in Bethlehem, the wise men from the east, guided by a star, came to the palace of King Herod and asked him where the place where a new king had been born was. Herod, who knew nothing about it, was moved and sent for the scribes and interpreters of the law to investigate in the Scriptures where this matter would be. The religious concluded that it would be in Bethlehem and then Herod ordered to kill all the children who had been born in that land.

He imagines if on the day of his birth someone orders an operation to kill all the children born in the city. If that's not hostility, what is?

Jesus was born in the midst of hatred and they had to hide him in Egypt. He never sinned, yet he was always the target of criticism, gossip, betrayal, and violence. He became an expert in pain and brokenness, so today he can clearly understand our situation and even take us through the necessary treatment for healing and success.

Jesus never considered himself a victim, he never expressed pity for himself, on the contrary, without being guilty he took responsibility and never blamed anyone, but

he forgave us all, even the Romans who tortured him and nailed him to the cross .

With his example, he teaches us to diagnose correctly, for which he defocuses from looking for blame and taught about the power of responsibility. He left us an example of how to forgive and bring about changes, without using the evil of others as an excuse.

I must confess at this point that every time I felt pain for some situation in my life, without hesitation I found people to blame for it. No one punishes or betrays himself, for which there is always a family member, a friend, a partner, a love, someone who cheats us, who betrays us, or deceives us, someone who lies to us, I don't know, there is always a Judas who shamelessly kisses us before giving us over to pain.

However, I must confess that life with Christ has turned all my concepts regarding pain upside down. I can no longer find guilty, that would be like giving others a part of life that now belongs to Jesus. It would be like giving my offenders too much credit, it would be like giving them an importance that they surely don't deserve, because if they did, they would never have caused me pain.

I try to share with you that giving the pain to the responsibility of third parties will lead us to an inevitable

failure. On the contrary, taking responsibility for the pain and accepting it without blame will lead us to a certain victory. Of course, anyone would think that there is no victory in pain, however I just need time and your patience to continue reading and I will meet the challenge of proving it.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose”

Romans 8:28

Many have used this verse to say that the Christian does not go through misfortunes, because God orders everything in his favor. Those who teach this are not only interpreting this passage out of its context, but they are using it to their advantage believing that all things will turn out for the best for them, because God will help them, but in reality that passage does not say that.

If we are honest, we cannot deny that Christians go through much suffering, the Bible and experience clearly show it. In reality we will experience pain that we will long to end quickly, we cannot deny pain, but we can understand results. The verse does not say that everything will work out for us, but that everything will work for good, even the pain itself.

If we deny the afflictions, we would have to assume the suffering of Christ as if it were a lie, and that the martyrs for the proclamation of the gospel are an illusion and that Paul was never stoned, imprisoned, shipwrecked, or a survivor of a snake bite. . We would only have to believe ourselves on a cloud in the heights, happy, immune to pain and untouchable by evil, but that is not the case.

In this corrupted world, suffering knocks on everyone's door and it will knock on ours even if we are Christians. The question that verse 28 of Romans answers for us is the following: does the believer receive suffering in the same way that the ungodly receives it? No, because while people without God only suffer pain, we learn, we are perfected, we grow in faith and dependence on God, Christ is formed and glorified in us, we are a witness to others, we receive comfort, love, strength and reward, in short, we will only finish better than before, because pain is not failure when we live in Christ.



Chapter Two

The test of pain

*"In which you rejoice, though now
for a little while, if necessary, have
to be afflicted in various trials, so that your faith, much
more precious than gold, may be tested,
which though perishable is tested by fire,
be found in praise, glory and honor when
be revealed "Jesus Christ"*

1 Peter 1:6 and 7

The Lord says that faith is a path of perseverance that is necessary to withstand all tests in this life, that they do not come to bring us down but to approve and promote us in the Lord.

In reality, every test comes to test us, it is like when they take an evaluation of children in schools, it is not to send them to March, the idea is to promote them, the test comes so that we do better, to achieve our goals. But if we don't study the matter, it can be a misfortune.

In the way of the Lord, if we pass the test well, it lifts us to new dimensions, but if we are not prepared for it, it can end up sinking us. It can be our defeat or it can be our victory, it all depends on how we have prepared ourselves.

There is a very common mistake that almost all people make, believing that tests come to teach us. In reality the tests do not come to teach us, but to demonstrate how much we have learned.

Can you imagine if a student takes a test at school and after getting a one, because he answered everything wrong, he said: "Well... The truth is that I did everything wrong and I got a one, but it was good that I got it." take, because by correcting my test I learned how to respond..." You can imagine that it's already a bit late, right?

Maybe you're thinking that at least you learned and that's fine, but it can't be like that with life, because that's exactly what happens to people who live without the Lord. They learn by testing, they fail, and then they don't want another test, because learning is painful for them, and in the end they experience one failure after another.

However, when we live with the Lord, we are taught by His Word and prepared in faith, to be ready, knowing

that the tests will come, but everything we have learned will sustain us until the storm is over.

In other words, the tests are our allies, they come to test us and if we pass, they take us to a new level. Having the mind of Christ to resolve trials is not acting emotionally, but acting on spiritual wisdom.

In the church we have been prepared a lot so as not to receive trials, so that all things turn out well for us, so that we assume to be winners, so that we declare ourselves victorious, but in the first circumstance we look up to heaven as if asking: Why me? ?

The problem is not the Bible, the problem is the message that is extracted from it. If the communicator on duty reads a passage and begins to declare: "Brothers, God will not allow pain to come over your life, God will not allow it.." People will say "Amen", grateful for that promise of being freed from pain, but the truth is that this is not in the Bible.

***“The Lord himself will march before you
and will be with you; it will never leave you nor forsake
you. Do not be afraid or discouraged”***

Deuteronomy 31:8 | NIV

In the Bible there are many passages about being delivered from different circumstances, but it is always done in a sense of overcoming. If we enter a crisis and come out it is because we are delivered. And we will always go out, because the promise that is there several times, is His presence at all times.

This is wonderful, because if the Lord promises His presence, He promises guaranteed success. His presence is our strength, our comfort, our ability, our power. His presence does not prevent us from falling into pain, but it ensures us to emerge victorious from it.

God knows everything that is happening on this earth, He says that our hair is numbered and does not sleep, because the word says: "***He who watches over you will not sleep...***" God has given us everything, His power, His potential and His wisdom in the person of the Holy Spirit, so that we can emerge victorious from all difficulties, which does not imply that we should not go through them.

The Word teaches that Elijah confronted the priests of Baal on Mount Carmel, he challenged them in view of all the people to build altars and invoke their god. After the hours, Elijah made fun of them, and told them: Shout louder! Do they not say that Baal is god? Maybe he is thinking, or he went on a trip; maybe he went to the bathroom. Maybe he's asleep and they have to wake him

up! Baal 's prophets shouted loud. They cut themselves with knives until they bled, as they used to do it in their cults, but noon passed, and they continued screaming and jumping like crazy without results. At last the agreed time came to burn the bull, but no voice was heard. No one heard or answered anything, only the evidence of a non-existent god remained.

Then it was Elijah's turn. He took twelve stones, one for each tribe of Israel, and built the altar. He then made a trench around the altar. Then Elijah told the people: "Fill four jars with water and completely wet the bull and the wood." They did so and Elijah told them, "Do it again." They poured water on the animal and the wood again, and Elijah asked them to do the same thing a third time. The water ran around the altar and filled the ditch. When the time came to burn the bull, the prophet Elijah approached and invoked God saying: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! Let everyone know today that you are the God of Israel and that I am your servant, and that I have done all this because you have asked me to... Answer me, my God; answer me so that these people know that you are God, and that you want them to return to you..."

At that moment, God sent fire, and it burned the bull, the wood and even the stones and the dust. Also the water that was in the ditch evaporated! When all the people saw this, they bowed down until their foreheads touched the

ground and said: The God of Israel is the true God! He is the true God!

How we see in this beautiful story, our God does not sleep like false gods, our God always listens and always acts as He sovereignly determines to do. He knows all things, if we have to face any test in life, we have the guarantee that He is always there.

When a person walks without recognizing God in his life, he will surely experience many adversities and pains, but God will not interfere in them. The Lord did not prevent Adam from eating the fruit, nor will He prevent someone from making bad decisions, although He clearly warns in His Word that not seeking His will can have great consequences.

Our personal decisions are like triggers that can trigger good things or bad things. Actually, when a person walks without God, he has no one to consult, so he determines to do things according to his opinion, but then he may suffer the result of those decisions.

I must clarify that in life without God, not all decisions are bad, because we find people who have done good business, have built beautiful works, have won hard battles, have developed great inventions, but even so, their disconnection with God, it prevents you from advancing to

the true purpose in Christ and without purpose you can do things, but not walk in victory.

***“There is a way that seems right to a man,
but in the end, it is the way of death”***

Proverbs 14:12

On the other hand, those of us who walk with the Lord no longer walk disoriented, and without a compass, we have God to ask all things, we do not do what comes to mind, but what God guides us to do. This does not make us infallible, because God does not tell us everything, but it makes us people who can walk through life on the right path, in the absolute truth and in the life that is Christ.

We Christians have the freedom to do what is good or the freedom to do what is bad, the issue is that we learned that what is bad is not really the result of freedom, but of a thinking captivity, that is why we choose to be free by doing the will of God, because that is the pure truth.

Whether we are Christians or not, we live in an imperfect system of evil and death, so it will happen to all of us at some point that we are affected by pain, but remember that in the Lord, pain is not failure.

His presence is our victory, King David wrote in Psalm 23: "Although we walk through a valley of shadow

and death, we should not fear, because His rod and his silence will give us breath..." With this he did not want to teach us that nothing would happen, but no matter what happens to us or as dark as the valley of pain, God will always be there.

This is a mystery of true love, because God could take us out immediately, however instead of taking us out of the valley, he walks with us, while giving us encouragement and strength.

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing. Certainly the good and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, And in the house of the Lord I will dwell long days.”

Psalm 23:5 and 6

This is where we will see clearly that pain is not failure. David described the valley of the shadow as pain in the company of God and he did not overlook this fabulous detail. While God accompanies us and encourages us in the valley of pain, He prepares a table of victory before those who mock us, those who make fun of us or those who criticize us for our grief. He also took it upon himself to describe an anointing poured out by walking believing.

Psalm 23 was not a Psalm written to motivate, but rather to reveal that pain is not failure. David concluded that good , mercy and eternal life, follow in the footsteps of those who can go through every test of pain with faith, it is as if the great reward does not wait for a goal, but follows our steps when we can move forward.

When Abraham had to climb the mount of shadow and death called Moriah , he did it with his heart broken with pain, because he had to kill his own son, whom he loved with all his heart, however the Word says that at the end of the process there was a ram behind him hooked in a briar.

We know that God was with Abraham all the time, but we also see that pain is not failure, because he was promoted as the father of faith, the ability to bear fruit was unleashed on him and his entire family, it says at the end of the chapter that some time after , someone went to tell Abraham: Your sister-in-law Milca and your brother Nahor They already have eight children. In addition, Nacor had four children with Reuma, his second wife, this is no coincidence, because if a child of God passes a test of faith and is approved, everyone around him will automatically benefit.

Let us also see that Abraham knew that he was facing the fulfillment of all the promises of God, when he found a

ram behind him. It does not say that Abraham walked and dodged a ram leaving it behind him, but that suddenly the ram was there. Beloved, when we walk in faith in the valley or on the mountain of pain, there will always be provision, promotion and victory.

“And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces patience; and patience, test; and the test, hope; and hope does not shame; because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us”

Romans 5:2 to 5

The life of the apostle Paul was really extraordinary, because it had very marked contrasts and those contrasts give us lessons of incalculable value. Paul was a man of great revelation, not only because the Lord allowed him a visit to the third heaven, but because he lived through tremendous afflictions and was a clear example of how to face them.

Paul did not try at any time to hide his trials, on the contrary, he clearly recounted them, however that does not show him as someone who failed because of pain, on the contrary, it shows us that even his strength was founded on weakness and that said weakness , was the means for the manifestation of the power of God.

When Paul suffered a shipwreck, he said that everyone on the ship had lost hope of living, that makes it clear that the situation was surely terrible, however, God sent him an angel to tell him not to be afraid. Because no one was going to die. Of course, this was so, they ran aground on the island of Malta and clinging to the rocks they were able to save themselves.

After the crisis, the inhabitants of the island lit a fire so they could warm up, because it was raining and it was very cold. At that time Paul had collected wood and was throwing it on the fire. Suddenly, a snake ran out of the fire and bit his hand. When those who lived on the island saw the snake hanging from Pablo's hand, they said: "This man must be a murderer because, although he was saved from drowning in the sea, the goddess of justice does not let him live..."

But at that moment Pablo threw the snake into the fire, while everyone expected Pablo to swell up, or drop dead at any moment, but they got tired of waiting, because nothing was wrong with Pablo. Then the natives changed their minds and thought that Pablo was something like a god.

This was one of those rare things that God allows because, instead of Pablo having everything go well, thanks to everything going wrong, he was able to preach the gospel

to those on the island and God was glorified. A clear example that pain with God is never failure.

If we can keep going despite adversity, we can magnify and glorify the name of the Lord. Pablo was imprisoned, flogged, stoned, abandoned by brothers who betrayed him, he suffered economic needs, health problems, he really lived through everything, however his faith never waned. On the contrary, Paul encouraged to sow with the hope of reaping the sowing, to run with the hope of finishing the race, to fight with the clear objective of winning the fight, because pain is never failure, he himself wrote: **(Romans 8: 28 to 37 VLS)**

“We know that God prepares everything for the good of those who love him, that is, of those he has called according to his plan. From the beginning, God already knew who he was going to choose, and he had already decided that they should be similar to his Son, so that he would be the eldest Son. Those whom He had already chosen, He called; and those whom he called he also accepted; and those he accepted he gave a place of honour. It only remains for us to say that if God is on our side, no one can be against us. God did not deny us even his own Son, but gave him up for us, so he will also give us all things together with him. Who can accuse those whom God has chosen of something evil? If God himself has declared them innocent! Can someone punish them?”

Not at all, because Jesus Christ died for them! Moreover, Jesus Christ was resurrected, and now he is at the right hand of God, praying for us. Who can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ? Nothing nor nobody. Neither the problems, nor the sufferings, nor the difficulties. Neither can hunger or cold, danger or death. As the Bible says: Because of you they kill us; because of you they always treat us like sheep to the slaughterhouse! In the midst of all our problems, we are sure that Jesus Christ, who loved us, will give us total victory.”

Paul knew that nothing had escaped God's control, that everything that had happened to him had been the result of tests necessary for his promotion, for the realization of the eternal purpose and a clear manifestation of the Kingdom.

If we want to learn to walk in faith, there are things that God is going to allow, which does not mean that he causes pain, but rather that he is going to allow us to experience things in life, and if we make mistakes in our decisions, we will have to pay the consequences, but the good thing about all this is that if we walk in the light, all things will work for good and we will be more than conquerors, because pain with Christ will never be failure.



Chapter Three

The reason for the pain

“And after you have suffered a little while, God himself, the God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will restore you and make you strong and firm and stable.”

1 Peter 5:10 NIV

There are pains that occur in our lives because of people with whom we relate, there are pains that are produced by circumstances or natural catastrophes, there are pains that are produced by attacks of darkness and there are pains that we produce ourselves due to mismanagement of our actions or words.

I must also mention that there are pains that God sovereignly determines, let us remember that Jesus went to the cross in fulfillment of the will of the Father. But I only clarify for now, that all pain determined by the Father always and without exception ends in triumph and not in failure. In addition, the Father did not generate that pain by making Adam sin, but as a solution to that unfortunate fact.

Whatever the pain, in its dimension or in its form, there is always a reason why it occurs and I think that understanding that can help us a lot, both to avoid it and to overcome it, especially considering that some of those pains are unnecessary.

The idea of learning is to find the reason for our pain, since it is a great loss to suffer without learning and being able to do so implies discovering the source of the pain. In the Bible we can see several storms that arose at certain times in history. Let us understand storms as crises or pain processes that they had to face.

We see storms that the Lord sent, like the one that hit the boat in which Jonah was escaping . That instead of obeying God and going to Nineveh, as he had been ordered, he bought a ticket and got on a ship bound for Tarshish. The sailors, frightened by such a storm, questioned the prophet who ended up confessing his sin and threw him into the sea so that the storm would calm down.

Jonas was swallowed by a large fish and was in the process for three days, until he was returned to the beach where he was to carry out his mission. That process of Jonah was sent because of his sin , the sea only calmed down when he was identified and the fish vomited him up when Jonah accepted his rightful fate.

This storm was produced by God, but we see as a result that the sailors did not die and the ship did not sink, that Jonah was prosecuted, but his heart was aligned to the Divine purpose and that was a great blessing, both for him and for the inhabitants of Nineveh, since thanks to his preaching, more than one hundred thousand people were saved. As we can clearly see, in the pains that God allows, there is no failure.

Another storm that we can cite is the one that arose when Jesus was in a boat with the disciples. The storm attacked the ship while Jesus slept peacefully and his disciples, despite being some of them expert fishermen, were very frightened and woke him up saying: *Master, are you not careful that we perish?* Perhaps they did it remembering the words of the psalmist: (Psalm 89:8 and 9) ***“You have dominion over the raging sea; when their waves rise, you calm them down.”***

Fear made them panic and they lost their cool. We can also say that they did not totally lose their faith since when they looked for Jesus and woke him up to save them, they expressed their confidence that he could really help them, and that is why Jesus calls them men of little faith. The words little faith, in the original Greek come from a single expression, *oligopistos* , and denote a lack of trust. The word fear is translated from the adjective *deilós* , which can also be translated cowardly.

This shows us that faith requires courage, trusting in God implies not being terrified by the difficulties or trials of life and our firm trust in the Lord's providence will bring God's peace upon us even in the midst of the worst situations.

As Christians we will all go through some storms that threaten to destroy us, but it is important not to be intimidated by them. Our confidence must be firm, our faith must prevail believing that God will perform the miracle in our favor.

As we all know, Jesus stood up and rebuked the storm, which he did because it was a devilish storm. If that storm had been generated by the Father, he would never have rebuked it. The storms of the Father cannot be rebuked and let us see that Jesus in this case used exactly the same words with which he rebuked the demon who had interrupted him in the synagogue of Capernaum (**Mark 1:25**) .

The Scripture does not say it specifically, however I believe that this storm was produced by the darkness, trying to prevent Jesus from reaching the coast of Gadara , since in that place he would carry out the most impressive liberation of his earthly ministry. Gadara was one of the cities that made up "Decapolis" which literally means "ten cities". At the time of Jesus, although there were Jews

scattered throughout the region, in general it can be said that it was a Gentile territory. The presence of the herd of two thousand pigs that we see in the passage, this being a prohibited animal for the Jews, reminds us that the influence of paganism was very strong in this region.

I believe that Jesus did not face a demon, since when asked they said that they were a legion, I believe that region was governed by those powers, because they asked Jesus not to expel them from that territory, I believe that what was unleashed was much more than the chains that this demoniac wore, I believe that Jesus was liberating an entire territory that was historically transcendent, let us remember that many years ago, in the time of Moses, that territory had been given as an inheritance to the half tribe of Manasseh, that of Reuben and to Gad, not to the heathen.

In short, there are storms that God produces for sovereign reasons and there are storms that Satan produces as spiritual attacks on territories that are still under his control. So also in our life, there are pains that occur for divine reasons and those are pains for correction, improvement and promotion.

God will always deliver us from every storm, if it comes from his hand, it will be a blessing, He will glorify himself and we will come out better. If it is from darkness, we will end up as winners, because Christ has already

defeated every principality, every power, every decree that was contrary to us and publicly exhibited them in his triumphal parade.

In the face of these attacks, we must not be passive. The Lord has given us all authority against all evil, against all principality, power and governor of darkness, against spiritual hosts operating in the heavenly regions. We must put on the armor of light and strengthen ourselves in the Lord, moving forward to victory with faith. Remember that those pains will never be failure.

When we suffer some pain, it is an excellent occasion to realize that Jesus Christ also endured tremendous emotional and physical pain on our behalf. There is no pain that could approach the terrible events of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and He willingly suffered that pain to redeem us and glorify His Father.

He suffered the pain of the darkness that rose up against his life and the pain of walking in the will of the Father through a valley of shadow that led him to the cross. Jesus ended up defeating darkness with the weapons of light and ended up sitting on the Throne, with a name above every name, because of his obedience to the Father.

Let us read carefully Isaiah 53:1 to 12 and learn from the teacher of teachers, Jesus Christ:

“ Who has believed our announcement? And upon whom has the arm of Jehovah been manifested? He will rise as a branch before Him, and as a root of dry land, there is no appearance in Him, nor beauty, we will see Him, but without attractiveness for us to desire Him. Despised and rejected among men, a man of sorrows, experienced in grief, and as we hid our faces from him, he was despised, and we did not esteem him. Certainly He bore our illnesses, and suffered our pains, and we considered Him scourged, wounded by God and dejected. But He was wounded for our rebellions, bruised for our sins, the punishment of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All of us have gone astray like sheep, each one has turned to his own way, but the Lord has laid on Him the sin of us all. Distressed He, afflicted, did not open his mouth, as a lamb was led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers, he was silent, and did not open his mouth. By prison and by judgment he was removed, and his generation, who will tell? Because he was cut off from the land of the living, and for the rebellion of my people he was wounded. And his grave was arranged with the wicked, but with the rich he was in his death, although he never did evil, nor was there deceit in his mouth. With all that, Jehovah wanted to break him, subjecting him to suffering. When he has laid down his life in atonement for sin, he will see lineage, he will live for long days, and the will of Jehovah will prosper in his

hand. He will see the fruit of the affliction of his soul, and be satisfied, by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a share with the great, and with the strong he will divide the spoil, because he poured out his life to death, and was numbered with sinners, having borne the sin of many, and prayed for the transgressors."

This tremendous passage from Isaiah shows us that there is a reason for the pain that Jesus faced. When the Father determines that His Son comes to earth, and the son accepts the plan of redemption, we can say that from that moment the pain began. That did not take Jesus by surprise, He knew what he was assuming and what he had to face, but without a doubt his love was stronger.

We are learning that the pain that Jesus suffered was not a pain because yes, there was a reason, the reason for that pain was a purpose on the part of the Father and his eternal love. That pain was necessary to bring order to all things, although putting things in order can cause a lot of pain, however we also see that it is worth doing.

Pains will always come to our lives, and they are pains that we can take advantage of to put things in order. Perhaps we will not suffer pains like those of Jesus, He finished all things, but as we advance on our pilgrimage, we will also suffer with Him.

***“If we are dead with him, we shall also live with him;
If we suffer, we will also reign with Him”***

2 Timothy 2:11 and 12

Paul knew of that necessary suffering and taught the church of the Colossians saying:

***“Now I rejoice in what I suffer for you, and I fill in my
flesh what is lacking of the afflictions of Christ for his
body, which is the church”***

Colossians 1:24

There are reasons why some suffering was necessary for Paul, for the other apostles, for the brothers of the church, from the first century until today, however, none of them, nor of us, will suffer as Jesus Christ did.

He suffered, but he did it for us, he accepted his pain, he accepted that he was going to suffer, that his friends were going to betray him, that he was going to be beaten, that they were going to hit him with a three-pronged whip on the back and that they were going to rip his flesh, that they were going to put a crown of thorns on him, that they were going to hit him in the face with a stick, and that they were going to rip out his beard, but He was willing to suffer all that for us. His motive was love and that is our example.

That is why the word says that he was a man of sorrows, because he carried our pains, he was experienced in grief, because he experienced it from his birth to the Cross, but there was a moving reason for his pain and it was love. I don't think there is a reason that justifies pain more than true love.

I know stories of people who, out of love, faced danger, accepted betrayal, gave up their goods or gave organs from their own bodies, in favor of a loved one. There are many reasons that can cause pain but the only one that deserves acceptance and even admiration is love.

When we have to overcome a pain, we must be clear about the reasons for it. Because if the motive is correct, there will always be strength to keep going until victory.

If we want to glorify God, we must leave all self-pity, we must stop blaming third parties, we must stop murmuring or lamenting continually, the weakness that pain produces will perfect the power of God in us and spiritual joy will be our strength. .

When Jesus went to the cross he was not guilty, but he did not complain, but took responsibility, and ended up showing his love and justifying even those who were causing him pain with betrayals, mockery and torture.

We may find ourselves on this earth many times, suffering circumstances that are not our fault. Today we live in a society covered in darkness, today we suffer from corrupt governments, today we can end up suffering from disloyalty, scams, theft, lack of work or resources and all of this will hurt us, it will outrage us, everything may be unfair, the The system in which we live is unjust, but one day the sun of justice will rise and the Kingdom will manifest itself throughout the earth. That is our hope!

When we know the reasons, we will see that before every pain of a Christian, there will always be a solution. We must never think about giving up, we must never ever evaluate the possibility of taking our own life. It is not an option to stand still on the road and much less go back. Never think about leaving the church, or questioning the love of God. In the face of all pain I can tell you: Don't give up... Don't give up... Never give up...!

We must ensure that if life hits us with a violent kick, that kick pulls us forward, but never backwards. That is why it is necessary to find the reason for all pain, the source that causes it, however we must be certain that everything will help us for good and that every curse will end up becoming a blessing.

You may be wondering how a pain can become a blessing? Dear reader, if a pain ends up perfecting us, if

through a pain we manage to produce losses to the darkness, if a pain allows us to testify of our faith, if through a pain we manifest the love of God, if we end up being light in the midst of so much darkness. If someone can see Christ through our self-sacrificing perseverance, then that pain can be a blessing.

“Suffering did me good, because it taught me to pay attention to your decrees.”

Psalms 119:71 (NLT)

The problem is when the pain is caused by ourselves and for no logical reason. When we generate it with our bad decisions, with our bad attitudes, with our decisions outside the will of God, it will only cause us loss.

Lord is going to support us in the face of all injustice, he is going to sustain us, he is going to work on our hearts, he is going to make us better people, we are going to be approved and the result will be good, a situation can hurt us a lot, however it will end being a good thing. But if the pain is generated by us, due to our wickedness, its balance can be negative, for us and for our environment, unless we correct our route.

The word translated "pain" or some form of it appears more than 70 times in the Scriptures. The first use of the word explains the origin of the pain in childbirth: ***“To the woman he said: I will greatly multiply the pains in your***

pregnancies; with pain you will give birth to children; and your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” The context here is that Adam and Eve had sinned and the pain of childbirth and the pain of working the land were one of the consequences of sin. Because of sin, the entire earth was cursed and death entered as a result. Thus, we can conclude that pain is one of the many results of sin in man.

As we see, there are many different reasons that can cause us pain, discovering these reasons can bring us direction and peace.

When we go to the doctor and we have to do a study, or they prescribe a series of painful injections, it may hurt, but that pain is necessary, because it will be the solution to a disease, or to the health problem that we have.

In Africa there is a tribe of indigenous people in which the men cut their skin, making small cuts, very painful, because later their skin looks like that of a crocodile, they suffer terribly but they do it for their culture.

When we see a person in beauty treatments, diets, gyms or even cosmetic surgeries, we know that they suffer pain, however they consider that it is worth it and that it is good, each one determines their reasons.

When we see that someone sacrifices himself studying, giving up pleasures or rest, he may suffer, however it is an appreciated reason. When someone sacrifices himself by working, doing what he doesn't like, investing hours, sweat and tears, it may be distressing, however the goal he pursues may justify his pain.

When talking about pain we are going to find each one evaluating from different dimensions, the pain of another will never be our pain, even if they try to explain its essence to us. Some reasons are external and others are justified, the truth is that pain is a forced mystery in this life, whether we understand the reasons or not, that is why we need to walk in revelation and in the light of our guide, the Holy Spirit.

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will tell you things to come. He will glorify me; because he will take what is mine, and he will let you know.”

John 16:13 and 14



Chapter four

The mystery called pain

*Can anyone understand the extent of the clouds,
or the thunder of his pavilion?*

Job 36:29

Mystery is defined as something very difficult to understand, something strange and inexplicable to understand or discover because of what is hidden. So I think it is the pain for the other's heart. It is very common for people to say: "I understand your pain... I know what you are feeling..." But they are just saying, it is very unlikely that others understand exactly what we are feeling.

Many of us have gone through some pain caused by sentimental issues. When we go through those heartaches, we are hardly understood. Generally, in the eyes of a third party, the thing never seems so complicated or impossible to overcome.

It is very common that when suffering these pains we try to share it with others, it is possible that we look for someone to listen to us to tell them everything, we may need

a shoulder to cry on, a relative, a brother in faith, a friend who understands us, but even if we explain our pain and cry together, they will not be able to measure our feelings.

We may have the strange feeling of wanting to lend our hearts for a moment so that they realize how we feel, however that is impossible and we must resign ourselves, because there are pains that only we must face.

Too often we hide our emotional pain. It is as if we want to prevent others from seeing how weak or vulnerable we are. We believe that we should be able to resist and overcome it, but sometimes it gets complicated, because we really can't and that's fine, there's nothing wrong with it, nobody should ask us to run a marathon with a broken leg.

We shouldn't be ashamed to feel pain, whatever its reason, but it should be like when we recognize that we have high blood pressure or a sudden illness. No one is ashamed of being sick, because no one does that on purpose, they are just a victim. So it should be with the pains of the soul.

Pain is a mystery, because what hurts us is not pain. What hurts us is the absence, the loss, the failure, the forgetfulness, the betrayal, the death. How to explain the inexplicable? How would another person, to understand what we feel, if what we went through has not happened?

And if you have, can you really assure that you feel the same as us?

“ When Elkaná presented an animal as an offering, he gave a part of the meat to Penina and her children. But he gave Ana the best part because he loved her very much, even though God did not allow her to have children. Since Hannah had no children, Penina made fun of her. It bothered her so much that Ana cried a lot and didn't even want to eat. Every year, when they went to the sanctuary, Peniná treated her like this.

On one of those visits, Elcaná asked Ana: «Why are you crying? Why don't you eat? Why do you grieve? For you, it is better to have me than to have many children.

Ana stopped eating, got up and went to pray in the sanctuary. Eli the priest was there, sitting by the door.

Ana was so sad that she couldn't stop crying. So she prayed to God and made this promise: “Almighty God, I am your humble servant. Look how sad I am. Realize how much I suffer; do not forget me. If you give me a son, I will give him to you to serve only you all the days of his life. As proof that he belongs to you, he will never cut his hair.”

Ana prayed to God in silence. Elí saw her move her lips, but since he didn't hear what she was saying, he thought she was drunk. That's why he told her: Aren't you ashamed to be drunk? Quit the binge! But Ana replied: My Lord, don't think I'm drunk. I have not drunk wine

or beer. I am very sad, and that is why I am here begging God to answer me. Then Eli answered him: Go quietly, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked for.

1 Samuel 1:4 to 17

The books of 1 and 2 Samuel contain some of the most captivating stories in the entire Bible, there is action, romance, betrayal, epic fights, brave heroes and fearsome villains. However, they are not just exciting stories, they are not just biographical records of the heroes, their adventures, pains, sorrows, fights and feelings contain deep teachings for our lives.

Let's look at Ana's story for a moment, because she was a woman who faced the pain of her sterility and at the time she lived, women stood out for their work as mothers, not having children was a big problem. If a woman did not have children they spoke behind her back and criticized her, a woman without children was unworthy and despised by society. Incredibly, the greatest pressure on Ana was God Himself, because the Word says that: "The Lord had not given her children" literally those verses say "the Lord had closed her uterus". God was the source of his pain.

Elcana 's other wife used her situation to persecute and humiliate her publicly and mocked her every moment she could, therefore she was also responsible for generating

pain in Ana's heart. Finally, her own husband, instead of comforting her, produced greater frustration. We know that he loved his wife, but surely his words exposed the problem, rather than observing her need.

In short, Ana was a woman under a lot of pressure, every year they went up to the temple, which was normally a time of joy and celebration, for Ana it was to face the harsh reality that God had not given her children. Ana's pain became so unbearable that she could no longer even eat.

We see that no one seemed to understand the pain that Ana was suffering. Her rival Penina seemed to have no mercy for her, her husband did not understand what the situation was for her and Eli, being a priest, instead of recognizing her affliction, confuses her with a drunk and God just seemed absent to her pain.

When people see our life, they may think many things, but no one can understand exactly what we feel when we are in the midst of pain. The worst thing is not really that they do not understand, but that they have the wrong opinion.

It is very easy to give an opinion lightly on the pain of another person and unfortunately it is also very common that this is done.

“With his mouth the wicked destroys his neighbor,

but by knowledge the righteous will be delivered.”

Proverbs 11:9

We live in a world that loves power, looks for powerful people, strength, ability, energy, success. Ana is not among the powerful, she is not among the strong, Ana is among the helpless, among the weak. His story tells us that his situation brought him pain, however we also see that God was aware of the situation at all times and that it was not his intention to cause him pain, but to produce a miracle that would change the course of an entire nation.

Ana could feel helpless, but in reality , what is the characteristic of the feeling of helplessness? That reveals our inability, that exposes our powerlessness to control the events that occur around us, that makes us feel vulnerable, incapable and weak . All this does not seem very good to say, however, that feeling of helplessness that produces great pain, bends us to the only and powerful God who can change our situation.

When we are helpless we can do what God wants us to do. God has made us to depend on Him, when we are weak we can turn to the one who helps the one who has no help. We see this throughout the Bible! This is a mystery, but it is fully testable. Pain and brokenness are power.

“And he told me: My grace is sufficient for you; because my power is perfected in weakness. Therefore, I will rather glory in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, for the love of Christ, I rejoice in weaknesses, in insults, in needs, in persecutions, in anguishes; Because when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9 and 10

For what reason can the Lord close a uterus to reopen it after a process? Is that necessary? Of course. When we see the story from the Divine dimension, we find that God's objective was not to cause pain in Ana, but that she, already broken by grief, consecrate the son she loved so much to the service of God.

It is true that unjustly there were people who made fun of her, but in the end, God was glorified and Ana was honored and remembered to this day as the mother of Samuel, the greatest prophet that the nation of Israel had in all its history. The man who anointed Saul as king, David as the successor and led the entire nation to seek God's will.

Undoubtedly Ana suffered and must have wondered many times what the reason for her pain would be, however, with the story already written, we can say that: *"Pain according to God, is a mystery that no one understands and that nevertheless opens doors in the hearts to introduce from the dimension of the Spirit to the dimension of life the*

manifestation of the power that glorifies the Lord and executes his purpose”.

***“Man makes many plans,
but only the divine purpose is realized”***

Proverbs 19:21

We are rarely understood in pain, it is very difficult to explain to other people what we feel, however, there is someone who can understand us, his name is Jesus Christ. The Bible never speaks of a God who says "help yourself, I'm looking at you" on the contrary! The message of the Gospel is that we cannot do without His work, the Gospel consists of a God who does in us what is pleasing before Him, through Jesus Christ . **(Hebrews 13:21)**

“In my distress I cried out to the Lord; yes i prayed to my god to ask you for help. He heard me from his sanctuary; my cry reached their ears.”

Psalm 18:6 (NLT)

Sometimes people don't understand our pain, not even the pastor has the ability to understand us, but we really shouldn't try to get them to. When we want to be understood, we become victims, needy or weak, unable to move forward without the understanding of others. No one, no matter how close to us, has the obligation to understand our pain, no one... Let's not try...

If we try to explain our pain we are only going to feel misunderstood, if we try to express it by putting on a painful face so that others notice, we may feel worse. Let's just do like Ana and look for the only source that understands and can work in our favor. Let us act with Faith and we will experience miracles that are already waiting for us.

When we want to depend on people we are going to become misunderstood, when we continually look for a shoulder to cry on, we are going to feel disappointed, but when we walk with Christ, knowing that He is always with us, even when we perceive that at no time does He seem to depart from us, then we will have received a revelation of the mystery called pain.

God understands us from the inside, and we see and try to explain everything from the outside. God is the only one who can make a profit out of what we see as a loss. The Bible says that all things work for good, when another person tells us it will happen, it does not help us, but when the Lord tells us that it will not happen, we are at the gates of success.

In these times, more than ever, we must live in the certainty that God is with us, the Holy Spirit wants to lead us from victory to victory, from power to power, and from triumph to triumph. Others will not understand us, they will be able to accompany us, they will be able to listen to us,

perhaps even wanting to help us sink us deeper, because there are also people who, instead of bringing us closer to God, take us further away from Him, however, no one except the Lord understands the mysteries of pain.

Just try to walk with God and with people of faith, they will always push us towards victory. If we are discouraged, they are going to charge us with spiritual energy, they are going to encourage us, they are going to encourage us to pray, they are going to impel us to do good, they are going to remind us that Jesus is with us, that the pain that we may be going through today, tomorrow will be a success, not because God is going to turn the pain itself into a success, but because our life will be improved, because we will be strengthened, and when we learn the lesson, we will be able to help others, and we will realize that life did not throw us back but forward, that God was glorified in the good times and in the bad and in the end, the Kingdom was manifested, because with Christ pain is never failure.

***“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
and put your trust in Him.
It will be like a tree planted by the water,
that extends its roots towards the current;
not afraid of the heat
and its leaves are always green.
In times of drought do not worry,***

and never ceases to bear fruit”
Jeremiah 17:7-8 NIV



Chapter five

Pain and order

I would like to state in this chapter that "Disorder produces pain" and unfortunately today we can see disorder everywhere, so we have the great challenge of understanding how to bring God's order to combat the pain of humanity.

When Adam was created, he received the assignment to cultivate and take care of the garden, said garden was the area of abundance and blessing, because it was the territory of the Kingdom. If we carefully read chapter two of Genesis, we will see that the garden was in Eden and Eden was full of abundance, however when Eve ate the forbidden fruit and gave it to her husband, they were both expelled from the area of abundance. and ended up working in a hostile field where the pain began.

The first use of the word pain was when God said to the woman: ***"I will multiply your pains in childbirth, and you will give birth to your children with pain. You will desire your husband, and he will dominate you..."*** To the man, for his part, he said: ***"Cursed is the ground because***

of you; with pain you will eat of it all the days of your life
" (Genesis 3:16 and 17) .

The context here is that Adam and Eve had sinned and the pain of childbirth and the pain of working the land were one of the consequences of sin. Because of sin, the whole earth was cursed and death entered as a result (**Romans 5:12**) . Thus, it can be concluded that pain is one of the many results of original sin.

In chapter three we see the fall and in chapter four, we can read how Cain killed his brother Abel, unleashing the first human death, the first great pain that man must have experienced, the death of a son (**Genesis 4:1 al 12**) . Since then, all evil has multiplied exponentially to this day, which shows a clear increase in pain. Human beings have become accustomed to living with pain, as if it were really part of our daily bread. However, in the beginning it was not so. God's original design was a design without death, without shortages, without catastrophes, without losses, without pain.

*“The Lord is close to the one who suffers
and save those who are downcast”*

Psalm 34:19 BPD

The pain that the soul suffers is an emotion common to human experience, and we witness the process of

affliction throughout the biblical story. Several biblical characters experienced deep loss and sadness from Adam, we can mention Job who is like the maximum expression of pain, Naomi who lost her children, David whose firstborn son Amnon raped his daughter Tamar and his other son named Absalom murdered him in revenge. The same one who took away his kingdom and raped his concubines in view of the whole town, without a doubt several books like this would not be enough to describe the pain of many biblical characters.

One step in overcoming pain is having the right perspective. First of all, we must recognize that grief is a natural response to loss, whenever there is pain, it is because we have lost something. A loved one, a friendship, a material asset that we appreciated, a life opportunity or health, there is always a loss behind the pain. Let us remember that Eve lost authority and the ability to give birth without pain and that Adam lost the garden where he enjoyed without sweat, whenever there is loss of something, there will be manifest pain.

Second, we have seen that moments of pain have a purpose. Ecclesiastes 7:2 says, ***"It is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men, and he who lives will put it in his heart."*** This verse implies that affliction can be good because it can refresh our perspective on life.

Third, we want to remember that feelings of sadness are temporary. *"At night the crying will last, and in the morning joy will come"* (Psalm 30:5) . There is an end to affliction. Pain has its purpose, but it also has its limit. The pain will end!

"God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will be no more death, nor will there be more crying, clamor, or pain; because the first things happened"

Revelation 21:4

In the midst of everything, God is faithful. There are many scriptures that remind us of God's faithfulness in times of pain. When David was grieved, he prayed thus in Psalm 56:8: *"You have counted my escapes; put my tears in your flask; are they not in your book?"* The moving image of God taking our tears, has great meaning. He sees our pain and does not despise it.

Psalm 46:10 reminds us to *"be still"* and rest in the knowledge that He is God. He is our refuge (**Psalm 91:1 and 2**) . He causes all things to work for the benefit of those He has called (**Romans 8:28**) . He assures us that all is not lost, because with Him, pain is not failure.

An important part of overcoming grief is expressing it to God. The Psalms contain numerous examples of pouring out our hearts to God. And if we pay attention, we will see that generally the psalms never end where they began, in many of them there are expressions of pain at the beginning, but almost always, they end with gratitude and praise.

God understands us (**Psalm 139:2**) . When we commune with Him, we can open our minds to the truth that He loves us, He is faithful, He is in control, and that He knows how to work things out for our good. Sin brought disorder and disorder brought pain, but Jesus Christ came to restore all things for which he faced pain.

And through him (Christ) reconcile to himself all things, even those that are on earth as those who are in heaven, making peace through the blood of his cross.

And to you too, who were in another time strangers and enemies in your mind, making evil deeds, now he has reconciled you."

Colossians 1:20

Ultimately, what Jesus did was order things, that is why I am expressing that the disorder produced pain, however, the pain of Christ will bring everything to order so that we never suffer pain eternally. Of course, we are still

in the world and this system of darkness operating in our days produces disorder and pain.

“These things I have spoken to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have affliction; but trust, I have overcome the world”

John 16:33

If someone is born in the way of the Lord because of their parents, they are blessed, however, those of us who have received the life of Christ years later, live in darkness, the darkness produced captivity and disorder, the disorder caused us much pain. However, when life itself came to us, everything began a wonderful process, because life is the light of men, light is truth and truth sets us free, in freedom everything begins to be brought to God's order and that order, overcomes pain, until it leads us to eternal fullness.

In this process of progress and life, pain is part of everyone's experience, no matter how Christian and spiritual we are. Losses are a part of life, and grief is a natural response to loss. But now everything is different, because if we lose a loved one, we are certain that we will see him again in eternity, if we lose even our own life, we die in hope, considering death as the access to a better life.

When we lose an opportunity, we know that a better one will come, when we lose a material good, we know that it is not so important, that we will recover it multiplied by restitution, however, life does not pass that way either, if we lose physical fulfillment, we know that it will be so with this body of death, but we have the hope of a glorified body that He will give us. Well in short, now we are more than winners and that changes everything.

Now we live in Christ, and we know that He is strong enough to carry our burdens, fears and frustrations, we are no longer alone, we can give Him our pain because He cares for us. We can find consolation in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, and each day advance from glory to glory, because with Him pain is never failure.

These concepts of faith and truth do not imply that we do not feel pain, it does not imply that we cannot cry or express our weakness, the Lord never taught that, He remembers that we are dust (**Psalm 103:14**).

The Lord became a man in Jesus, to understand man, to put himself in his shoes and in his skin, He had compassion on men, that is why becoming a man was the most extraordinary expression of humility that an Almighty God could have.

“Who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied

himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being in the condition of a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, and death on a cross”

Philippians 2:6 to 8

Jesus Christ lived on this earth with certain limitations, but they were limitations voluntarily assumed by Himself. At all times and moments he continued to be God. And he was no less God for being a man, yet he divested himself of the prerogatives of Deity.

He was willing to be born in a dirty manger, and not in a clean and ornate one as is depicted in plays and on Christmas cards. He was willing to be raised by an inexperienced mom and a so-called dad with sawdust on his head, he was willing to be an expatriate so he wouldn't get killed and then be raised to adulthood in a poor town called Nazareth.

He was willing to be an unknown carpenter. He could have had over himself the cloud of Glory of the Old Testament accompanying him at all times, however he determined not to have it, nor did he have a halo over his head, as we see in many pictures that were painted about him. In appearance and privileges, Jesus was no different from any city dweller and suffered the same fears as anyone.

“And Christ, in the days of his flesh, offering supplications and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who could deliver him from death, was heard because of his reverent fear. And although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation.”

Hebrews 5:7 to 9

Jesus got together with all kinds of people and they even told him: "Friend of sinners", He ate with them, drank wine and participated in family celebrations, he was always questioned by the religious, however, he was a more normal man than them.

Jesus on several occasions manifested his feelings . Jesus wept in front of the walls of Jerusalem because of their indifference, he also did so in Bethany when he saw the pain of Marta, the sister of Lazarus, who had already died a few days ago, Jesus was moved by her pain, and also by the death of Lazarus. The amazing thing is that even though Jesus knew that He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead, He chose to share in the pain in the midst of it. Jesus is truly a high priest who can *"sympathize with our infirmities"* (Hebrews 4:15) .

The night Judas betrayed him, he had to kiss him so that the crowd could check which of the men it was they had come to capture. He did not stand out among other men because of some kind of inner light or because some glory surrounded him. He was an ordinary human being, but He was God manifested in a human body, an extraordinary God who set aside the privileges of His Godhead.

That is why in the face of pain, God is the only one who can fully understand us, because He became man and because as a man He took the place of all of us. He took upon himself our sins, our illnesses, our bitterness, our frustrations, our curses and all our pain. He is the only one who deeply understands the mystery of pain.

***“Despised and rejected among men, a man of sorrows,
experienced in sorrow; and since we hid our faces from
him, he was despised,
and we do not appreciate it. Surely he bore our
sicknesses, and suffered our pains; and we
we considered him scourged, wounded by God and
dejected. But he was wounded for our rebellions,
crushed for our sins; the punishment of our peace was
upon him, and by his stripes we are healed.***

Isaiah 53:3 to 5

pain that Christ suffered was a pain to order, that was the purpose, it was to order what man had disordered, to put

things back in order. That is why when we meet God, we return our life to order and when order arrives, the pains of sin go away.

Now, you may be wondering what happens to the pains that those of us who are already Christians suffer? Because we must recognize that we also suffer some pains. Well, the difference is that the pains of sin are always the result of injustice, slavery, darkness and evil. There is no benefit in such pains, so we must get out of it.

However when we suffer some pain because of justice, we are improved, imparted, glorified and rewarded.

***“Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne,
Mercy and truth go before his face”***

Psalm 89:14

That means order, God is seated on order, God is a, God of order, that is why all pain that comes into our lives can come to provoke divine order, that is why when faced with pain we become disordered, we are doing everything Contrary to what God is intending us to do.

All pain that comes to us in Christ, comes to order our life, not to mess it up, and curiously, when pain comes, the first thing it provokes in us is disorder, everything goes out of control, the way we act, the way we to think, to work,

to speak, however all pain in God's plan comes to order, it does not come to disorder.

Order will always be the foundation of God's purposes. For example, when our economy got out of order, to bring it to order, we are going to have to restrict some expenses, and it may cause us pain, but the idea is not simply to bury the debt, the idea is to come out as wiser people, to minister our finances and that we never again fall into scarcity.

God is seated on justice, and on judgment, God is order, not disorder, we live, move and have our being in Him, for which there is no failure in such pain.

***“Therefore we do not lose heart; Before, although this exterior man of ours wears out, the interior, however, is renewed day by day. Because this slight momentary tribulation produces in us an ever more excellent and eternal weight of glory; not looking at things that are seen, but those that are not seen; for the things that are seen are temporary,
but those that are not seen are eternal”***

2 Corinthians 4:16 to 18

When a pain stalks our lives, we must understand that God will be glorified, that we will be improved and at

the end of the process, we will only find greater order in our hearts.

For example: when we tidy the house, when we are cleaning, there is a point where we have more mess than before, everything is messy and it is a mess, but the idea is not to mess, but to order and clean everything. It's just a matter of moving forward and believing that when the job is done, we can enjoy the true peace of a tidy home.

It is important what we are seeing in the middle of a process. If, in the midst of the disorder produced by a crisis, we stop, we are going to fail, that is why, as children of God, we do not have the option of stopping, much less abandoning.

Suppose that in the middle of a general cleaning, seeing everything in a mess, we say: "Well, I'd better leave everything like that... I can't stand this mess anymore..." Undoubtedly, the worst thing we can do is stop, even though we know that we have the worst left. On the other hand, we must not stop, we must go forward, we must have hope, our faith is being tested like gold and gold is tested with fire, therefore we must continue, at the end of the darkness a new dawn awaits us.

“We also have the safest prophetic word, to which you do well to pay attention as to a light that shines in a dark

*place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in
your hearts”*
2 Peter 1:19

Remember that when cleaning our home, we aim for order, for that, we must clean some things and put them in their place, while other things , even if it hurts, we must have courage and get rid of them. On many occasions we cling to unnecessary things, to memories that cause pain, however it seems that we treasure them as if they were of great value. Stop! Let go of the old things from the past, the things that are useless and throw them away once and for all...!

*“Therefore if anyone is in Christ,
new creature is; old things passed away;
behold, all have become new”*
2 Corinthians 5:17

The true desire of God is that in the midst of pain, or a crisis, we remove from our lives everything that is not useful, to seek greater order, not to rearrange everything that has become disordered, the idea is that at end that crisis, that we went through, let's be better than before, not the same and much less worse.

It often happens that in a crisis, some brothers get so confused in their thoughts and feelings that they say I'm not

going to go to the meeting, I don't want to talk to the pastor or any brother, I better not go to church anymore, but those thoughts they are only the result of disorder, because they forget that they are the church, that they cannot leave themselves and that others are not to blame, that if they are wrong, they must do the opposite, they must draw from the deposit of their spirit, every Word that was ever sown to them and they must go forward, when we are in crisis is when we need God the most. It is the worst time to give up.

With God all things help us for good, nothing can come to bring us down or bury us in pain, they only come to lift us up in the power of faith, they come so that we learn to resolve and glorify God with the results.

“Don't you know that those who run in the stadium actually all run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way that you get it. Everyone who fights he abstains from everything; them, indeed, to receive a corruptible crown, but we, an incorruptible one.”

1 Corinthians 9:24



Chapter six

the pain exists really

*"The tears we shed
when we sow the seed
they will become songs of joy
when we harvest the wheat
Psalms 126:5 ESV*

Many times I have heard among the brothers, phrases like: "You must have faith, surely God has something great for your life..." "Don't cry, this will just pass..." "Try to ignore this situation and that's it... God will give you strength..." Without a doubt, I think they are words of good, because they are words loaded with good intentions, words that seek to encourage us in faith, but we cannot lie to ourselves about some things, if we are people of faith, we must interpret life with the truth of what is happening to us. happening, ignoring a problem is not solving it or overcoming it wisely.

I did not determine to write this book to teach how to ignore the pains by saying only that we are going to succeed. It was not my idea, nor is it my idea of pain. I have been a pastor for several years and although my ministerial approach obeys more to teaching, I have dealt with many brothers in crisis, in fact I have also suffered several crises and I will write about them. That is why I do not propose to ignore a situation, but to be able to see said situation in God's way, to overcome it in the life of Christ.

We must recognize that there are things that are never going to be the same that after some problems, getting order or being improved internally, does not mean that everything will be the same or better externally, so we are going to lie to ourselves about it.

It is light to say that Job recovered twice the things he lost in his family crisis, because Job had fourteen sons and three beautiful daughters (**Job 42:13**) , but we cannot forget that previously he had lost seven sons and three daughters that he loved. deeply (**Job 1:2**) . Let's remember this: “That man was still speaking when a fourth messenger came and said to Job: All his sons were having a party in the house of his eldest son. Suddenly, a strong wind came from the desert and brought down the house. All his children were crushed to death! Only I could escape to break the news! As soon as Job heard this, he stood up and

tore his clothes in pain; then he shaved his head and bowed to the ground to worship God. (**Job 1:18 to 20**)

Is it possible for that man, that after experiencing such pain, added to everything he lost, material goods, livestock and his health, his life has remained the same as before? It may be that his health remained intact or that he still felt better than before, he may have recovered all his cattle and assets, he even had more than before the crisis, however, can we say that by having more children, he ended up the same as before? Is it possible that he has replaced the dead sons with new ones?

If a mother suffered the loss of a child, will we tell her that it doesn't matter, that God will give her another? Shall we tell him: The best is yet to come? No, surely not, because there are things that happened, but they will stay with us forever, in our retina, in our heart. They are like a wound that can stop bleeding, a wound that no longer has an infection, but nevertheless, forever and always left an ugly scar, that may not hurt so much anymore, but will always make us remember. Undoubtedly, there are pains that cannot and should not be ignored, doing so is not wise, nor is it advisable to advise it.

The Bible recounts the pain of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary and it is almost impossible to imagine all that he suffered, but at the end of the pain, after death and

resurrection, even with a glorified body, Jesus Christ determined to keep his wounds, to remember forever the pain of his matchless love.

God has a purpose for us, we must advance to Him with wisdom, the light word, ignoring a situation will never be the result of wisdom. On the contrary, it is like a sad lie, because instead of propelling ourselves in faith, we try to infuse ourselves with enthusiasm to continue a little more. However, enthusiasm does not generate faith, revelation does.

If in an accident, we see a person trapped in the twisted remains of a car that begins to be engulfed by flames, if that person starts yelling at us, asking for help and telling us to please get them out of there, what would we say? Do not worry? What ignores the fire? What have faith? That I don't cry or that all that will pass?

We must assume that there are aches and pains. On some occasions, such as in a terminal diagnosis or in the loss of a loved one, we should not say anything, we cannot help, God is not waiting for us to try, we should only accompany that person, in the best way, with spiritual and determined spirit, with wise silences and with love, ensuring that the Holy Spirit, who is the comforter, imparts to that person, just with our embrace and our presence.

***“Rejoice with those who rejoice;
cry with those who cry”***
Romans 12:15

When the person begins to go through the pain, when he begins to digest his reality, then yes, anointed and wise words may be necessary, trying to continue being channels of the Spirit to impart comfort and direction.

Everything has a time in life and we must find our right place. Likewise, when we are protagonists of pain, we must not allow anyone to speak foolish words to us or underestimate our pain, we have the right to feel it, we have the right to cry as Jesus cried, we have the right to express our pain and no one has the right to prevent it. The wise Solomon said:

***“In this life everything has its moment; there is a time
for everything: today we are born, tomorrow we die;
today we plant, tomorrow we reap;
today we hurt, tomorrow we heal; today we destroy,
tomorrow we build; today we cry, tomorrow we laugh;
today we mourn, tomorrow we dance with pleasure***
Ecclesiastes 3.1 to 4 VLS

If someone is suffering the ravages of age, the limitations, the ailments, or the pain of a terminal illness, what are we going to tell them? Do not worry? That the best

is ahead? It is true that in death God will give us a new body, however, the one who is experiencing the pain of old age or a terminal illness, must be accompanied, not questioned and much less try to ignore his reality, that is not wise.

They will never be twenty years old again, nor will they recover opportunities, however that can be assimilated with well-being. Perhaps you may be thinking that if a brother is sick we should only speak healing to him, but I have seen sick brothers receive words and words and prayers and visits and hopes and I have seen them leave without understanding what happened.

It seems that we do not know how to prepare for death. Death, which in the end is our hope, it is as if we can only fight against it, it is as if it is a true misfortune from which we must escape and that is not wise. In the end we are all going to die and Glory to God for that...

Paul in his writings, does not teach us to ignore reality, but to focus on the eternal truth through revelation, but remember, that which for us can be a simple logic, for the one who is living the situation, can be everything a process, we must not underestimate such condition, but appeal to the sovereign work of the Holy Spirit.

We must help them little by little, wisely imparting all eternal truth. With the truth we can free them from all

fear, until they see by revelation and live by faith, the hope of the wonderful gospel of the eternal Kingdom. We must prepare them and prepare ourselves so that when the hour of departure arrives, we are not in crisis, but have assimilated the whole truth in love.

“That is why we are not discouraged. Although our body is wearing out, our spirit is gaining more strength. The difficulties we have are small, and they will not last forever. But, thanks to them, God will fill us with the glory that lasts forever: a great and wonderful glory. Because we don't care about what happens to us in this life, which will soon end. Rather, we worry about what will happen to us in the life we will have in heaven. Now we don't know what that life will be like. What we do know is that it will be eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16 to 18 VLS

God does not need fantasies, illusions or false hopes, Jesus told his disciples: "It may hurt you, but some of you will have to give your life for me, but still I tell you, deny yourself, take up the cross and follow me, because I need brave people, people who know how to face pain..."

Someday we will face a loss, someday we will suffer a pain, someday we will suffer a setback from someone who played a dirty trick on us, but God is looking for people who will not back down for any cause, people who not only hope

for the best, but even if the ugly comes, be it a storm, a coup, an earthquake, a fierce persecution, do not ignore the truth, people who know that sometimes it is necessary to suffer, that sometimes it is necessary to lose, that one can cry, that one You can complain of pain, but with the certainty that loss and pain are not failure.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulations, so that we too can comfort those who are suffering, through of the consolation with which we we are comforted by God”
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

As long as we have the breath of life in our being, we must continue forward, we must not give up, we must live with the certainty that we do not abandon Christ for nothing, we have a purpose on earth, and God knows what is best for our lives, if it is with pain we will sing praise, if it is with losses we will glorify his name, because he never lost nor will lose control of our life. We just have to know that he was, is and will be with us, every day, until the end of the world. (**Matthew 28:20**)

The day will come when we will sing, with the fullness of true happiness, before His presence. Today we

continue walking, perhaps with some absence, with some need, with some pain, but the day will come when we will be before Him and we will look at Him face to face just as He is and maybe that day we will realize some things that we could not understand. before. Believe me that if we don't renege in pain, if we don't deny it, if we don't leave it in the moment of crisis, He will reward us.

There is one thing we can be sure of, it is that the Lord is faithful, and that he did not sleep or will sleep at any time in our lives. That everything we went through He knew and spent with us, maybe we didn't notice it, or we couldn't perceive it because of the same pain, but He was, always was, always is and always will be as He promised once.

Let's keep walking, let's keep embracing faith, let's keep believing, because there is a time for the gestation of things, and although there are moments, that at night we cry because of our problem or pain, there will always come a morning that will be waiting for us, because God does not abandons us, in that crying, He is the one who takes care of us, embraces us, covers us, the one who prepares us, because He has prepared an anointing of restoration, restitution, and victory over our lives, it is now, it is soon , it is in eternity, but always, after a dark night the morning will come, just as after death comes the resurrection.

“But your dead will live again;

*their corpses will rise.
Those who sleep on earth will wake up
and they will shout for joy.
Because you send your light like dew,
and the dead will be born again from the earth”*
Isaiah 26:19



Chapter seven

pain and kingdom

*“Since John the Baptist came until now,
violence is done to the kingdom of heaven,
and the violent ones try to finish him off”*

Matthew 11:12 VLS

Paul teaches that the five ministry gifts are to perfect the saints and I believe that today more than ever we must prepare the church to mature and be able to govern. The apostle Paul himself teaches in Galatians four that if the heir is a child, no matter how much he owns everything, he does not differ from a slave and it is logical, because children cannot govern or what they want to eat.

Kingdom is not only to govern, it is first to be governed by the Lord, so that everything that is in our area of responsibility is brought under that same government. Some think we will live the Kingdom when we go to the hereafter, but Jesus announced it here.

That does not imply that we are going to govern sitting in the seats of authority of the different world governments, that may be dominionism , but that is not what Jesus established. He will not be King, Jesus is already the King of kings and the Lord of lords. The world is not living the Kingdom, on the contrary, the Bible says that the whole world is under the evil one, but the church is living the Kingdom, because we have been transferred to the Kingdom of His beloved Son. We already live the Kingdom and we must manifest it.

The issue is that a government always brings difficulties, and when we are trying to govern our life, our economy, our marriage, our family, our environment, our work, when we are pretending that some things work under the government of the Holy Spirit, it is a whole process because government means finding ourselves against that something that we intend to govern.

We must prepare ourselves according to what we are going to govern, preparing to govern a development society is not the same as preparing to govern a nation. Surely in our life we have had a word from the Lord or maybe not, but we have a vision, a business, a company that we want, a ministerial call, or a specific project, but we must know that as far as we have asked, so it will be our process to train, instruct and prepare ourselves. If what we want is great, there is no conquest without pain.

The greater government we seek, the greater challenge we will have ahead, greater preparation, process and pain. If a young man intends to practice boxing, he will have to train hard to achieve it. He may do a few fights in the neighborhood, but if he's aiming for a world title, he's going to have to face much harder training.

Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, is the eldest son of Charles, Prince of Wales, and Diana, Princess of Wales, popularly known as Lady Di. He is the grandson of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Therefore, he is the second in line of succession, after his father, to the throne of the sixteen independent States.

As heir to the throne he was educated at four schools in the UK and received private tutoring from his private tutor, obtained his BA in Geography, Biology and History of Art Advanced level, trained as a Lieutenant in the Royal Household Cavalry Regiment receiving his commission as Second Lieutenant in the British Army, he trained for four months at Bovington Army Camp , as a Scoutmaster in an armored reconnaissance unit, obtained his pilot's license after completing his training at the Royal Air Force Academy , where he was promoted to rank of lieutenant and as an officer he completed his training as a search and rescue helicopter pilot.

He has practiced several sports such as soccer, becoming team captain, he practiced swimming, basketball, clay pigeon shooting and cross country athletics, he also played water polo as team captain.

Baron Wakeham , chairman of the press committee, declared a few years ago, when the prince was just a student: *“Prince William is not an institution, not a soap opera star, not a football hero. He is a boy, yet in the next few years, possibly the most important or most painful stage of his life, he will grow up to be a full-fledged man to be a king.”*

What I mean by this is that a young man can prepare himself to be a pizza delivery boy without much effort, but if his life purpose is to be a king, he cannot ignore the processes.

Today we must consider whether we are preparing the church to reign or to be evangelicals who go to worship to sing choruses on Sundays. If we are going to reign in Christ, pain is not only not failure, but it is necessary.

King David was called by the Lord to be the future monarch of Israel, however, after being anointed by Samuel, he returned to the field to take care of sheep, although he was impregnated with oil and with a tremendous prophetic word on his loins. David had to fight

with bears, with lions, with giants and then flee from Saul's spears, they took his wife from him, he lived in caves, he got into the land of the Philistines pretending to be crazy and he had nothing, they joined him, the indebted, the embittered and the afflicted in spirit, however their entire process was to Reign.

The problem is that if we don't understand pain to Reign, we will only end up frustrated. When we look at the life of Jesus on earth, we see pain and process, but He was not thinking of a cross, but of a Throne. Even so, to go to the Throne it was necessary to go through the cross of Calvary.

Jesus spent thirty years of upbringing, in a home learning respect, obedience, growing in wisdom, working in carpentry, and having to suffer continuous attacks from all those who persecuted him to do him harm, betrayed him, defamed him, even saying that he was the son of the devil, he had to endure a lot of things until he could go to the cross, but none of the pain, including that of the cross, was his goal, his goal was to Reign.

Nothing was easy for Jesus, in the process several times the enemy attempted against his life, in fact as soon as he began his ministry he was tempted by Satan in the desert. Beloved, the devil will never be attacking or

tempting us because we have decided to put up a kiosk, but if the project is to govern, of course he will try.

If we want a larger government, we will have a larger process. If we want to function in a ministry gift, we will not be able to do what everyone else does. If we ask to rule over more finances we will have to learn to give more than others. It all depends on what we are after.

If we have ten pesos, we don't need to be brains to make decisions and invest those ten pesos correctly, but if we are going to receive ten million dollars, the ability we must have to govern those finances must be greater, otherwise we can make a mess with that money and end up broke.

We need to develop greater capacity if we want to expand our field of action and government, but that also implies that we are going to find ourselves with greater difficulties and possible pain.

Success without pain is not success, it is just luck. But working for the success of our lives is a process, and in that process there are things that are going to go well for us and things that are going to go badly for us, but in God's school you just have to have humility and not give up, because , always arrives.

***“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
that I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for your souls”***

Matthew 11:29

I am the founder and teacher of the EGE, (School of spiritual government) in it we are not only preparing ourselves to receive passively, but we are learning to see all things through management, that is, teaching, revelation, responsibility , faith, works and action in the person of Christ. In Him, by Him and for Him...

If we prepare ourselves for a management, we are not preparing ourselves only to achieve one thing, but we are preparing ourselves to be able to develop what we want to achieve. Living in grace is not passivity, because grace is life itself...

Suffering pain in management is not a failure, it means part of the preparation to achieve something higher. Paul always recognized the grace that made him an apostle, yet he accepted pain as part of it.

Growing up to reach hurts, nobody grows overnight, there will always be a process. During our spiritual growth we will go through all kinds of circumstances, good, very good, bad and very bad but they are processes, these pains are not the failure of growth, they are part of it.

The word of faith must be alive within us, which comes into our lives to make us reach the goal, so if we manage to uphold the word of faith, we will never end in anguish, we will never end in defeat, we will never end in illness, we will never end in crying, it will not be our destiny if we manage to retain the word of faith, word of faith is the key so that although there is pain in our life there is no failure.

The key to achieving a destination will always be the word, the word is always what God leaves us, to lead us, to guide us to the right path.

"The life of good men shines like the morning light: it becomes brighter and brighter, until it reaches its full splendor"

Proverbs 4:18 ESV

We , as called by God, have a destiny on earth. We were not created by God before the foundation of the world so that we could wander around and one day death would overtake us. We are not like an inflated balloon, whose beak is released and it shoots out, going round and round until it falls completely deflated because it has lost its air. Our life has a purpose and a destiny, let's not walk aimlessly.

Nothing should stop us from reaching our destination. And the word of God is the fuel that will propel us to that destination. Peter said: The word of God is the word of faith:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has caused us to be reborn to a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is incorruptible, uncontaminated, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, that you are kept by the power of God through faith, to attain the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In which you rejoice, although now for a little while, if necessary, you have to be afflicted in various trials, so that your faith, much more precious than gold, which, although perishable, is tested by fire, may be tested, be found in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed, whom you love without having seen him, in whom believing, although now you do not see him, you rejoice with ineffable and glorious joy, obtaining the end of your faith, which is the salvation of your souls”

1 Peter 1:3-9

This passage is not only talking about salvation, but also about a purpose and destiny of life here on earth. And the word of faith is the fuel that allows us to move forward,

because without faith it is impossible to please God, it is impossible to achieve purpose without faith.

Pedro says stay calm, because salvation is already there, it is an incorruptible inheritance, unfading, untouchable, no one can take it away from you, that inheritance is yours. They will not have a process to receive the inheritance, that is already assured, but now, if necessary, while they are alive to fulfill their purpose and destiny, they may have to pass various tests, but be sure and act confidently through faith.

If we never have an adversity we cannot say that we have faith. In adversity, in trials, in problems our faith is seen, that is why pain will never be failure because it is the manifestation of faith.

We admire Abraham's faith, because in his pain we see the results. If God had told him you will have a son and the next day Sarah was pregnant, we would never say that Abraham was a man of faith, we would only say that he was obedient and received, however faith is a process in which pain is manifested, for that Paul wrote in the letter to the Romans, that Abraham did not give up, did not doubt, did not consider that his body was old, but rather he put his faith before, and was strengthened by giving glory to God, he says that he put hope against hope, for that we realize that

there was pain in his life, but not failure, there was success because he came to fulfill his purpose and his destiny.

Each character in the Bible considered men of faith or women of faith, was due to the adversities they went through, faith is always shown in adversity. That is why when Paul was beaten or punished the most, he said: ***“When I am weak, I am strong, because in my weakness the power of God is manifested”***

The apostle Paul himself wrote to the Romans the following:

“And not only this, but we also boast in tribulations, knowing that the tribulation produces patience; and patience, test; and the test, hope; and hope does not shame; because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us”

Romans 5:3 to 5

Paul is telling us there are processes, there are tests, but don't stop, the tests are going to produce patience, patience produces hope and hope is not ashamed, because it would be ashamed not to have hope, but if we have Christ in our hearts, we must Have hope.

“My brothers, reckon it joy when you find yourselves

in various tests, knowing that the test of your faith produces patience. But have patience his complete work, so that you may be perfect and complete, without lacking anything”

James 1:2 to 4

“But you are what have stayed with me in my trials. I therefore assign you a kingdom, as my Father assigned it to me.

Luke 22:28 and 29

Here the Lord told his disciples how you have passed my tests with me, I assign you a kingdom as my Father appointed me. Today God has given us a Kingdom, God wants a holy nation that lives the Kingdom, that is why we must not give in to pain.

Remember that the Kingdom is not first to govern, but to be under the government of God and being under his government, to submit all things under his feet. Without Him we can do nothing, but with Him everything is possible.

God does not teach us not to feel pain, but to govern despite pain. Pain in this life is inevitable but with God it is equally surmountable. Trying to avoid pain, many people have failed, but the Lord does not teach us that, on the contrary, instead of teaching us to avoid it, he teaches us to

face it and tells us that overcoming it is not to stop feeling it, but to reach the goal.

Our race is not against pain, that is why pain is not failure, because pain can never beat us, we do not run against it. Paul wrote the following before he died:

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Other than that, it's saved for me. the crown of righteousness, which the Lord will give me, just judge, on that day; and not only me, but also to all who love his coming”

2 Timothy 4:7 and 8

The apostle Paul summed up his life in three different ways, first he said, " ***I have fought the good fight*** . " He had been a soldier, a good soldier. There was a battle to be fought, and a victory to be won. And here, at the end of his life, he said: "I have been a good soldier of my Savior."

Second, Paul said , "***I have finished the race*** . " The Christian life is not just a battle, it is an athletic event, a race. During the race the apostle was keeping his body under control. He was trying to live the Christian life in such a way that he would not be disapproved and at the end of his life he could say that he had completed everything that God had planned for him.

Third, he said, "***I have kept the faith*** ." Life had been like a deposit from God, and he had been a good steward. He had kept the faith. He never changed his opinion about the great truths and doctrines of the Word of God.

These were truly three tremendous statements from a man who knew pain and came to a clear conclusion: "***In Christ, pain is not failure...***"



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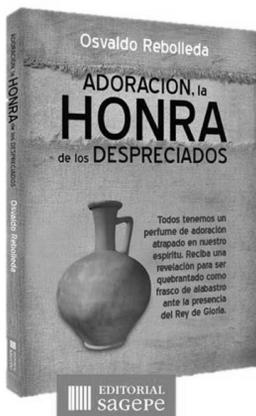
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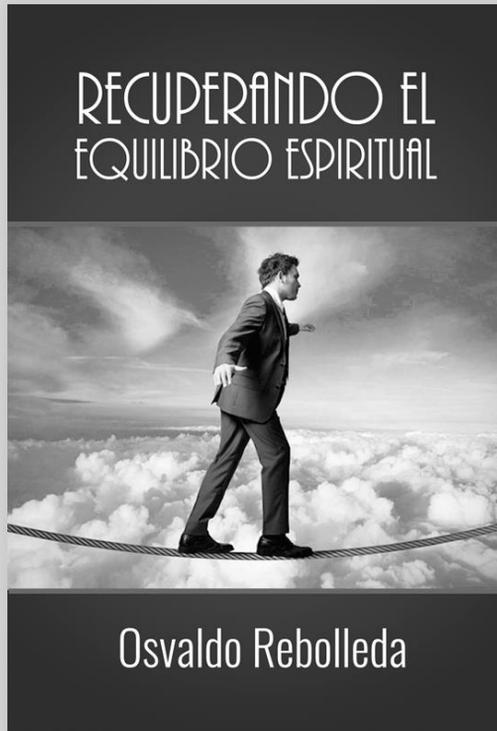


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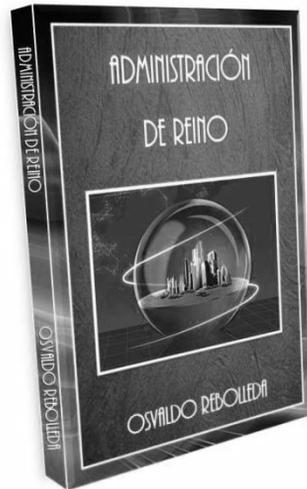
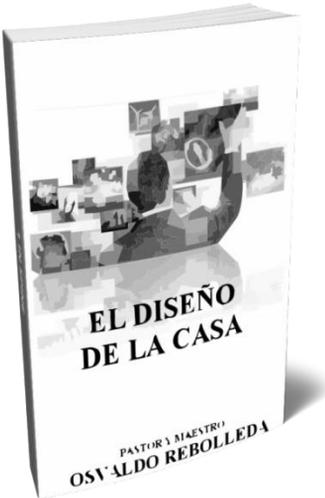
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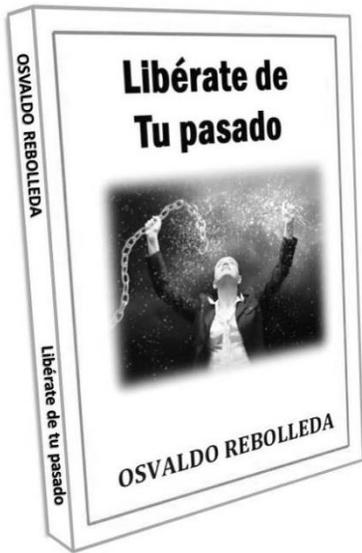


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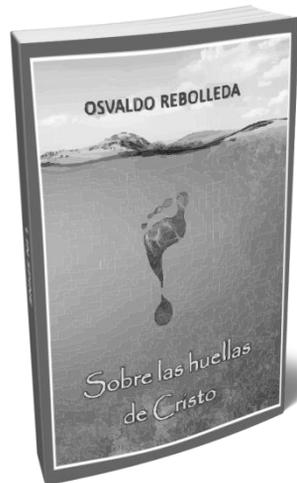


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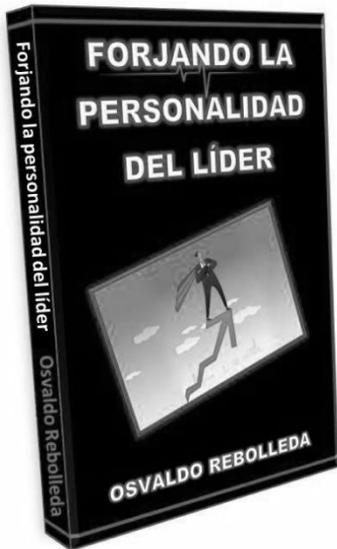


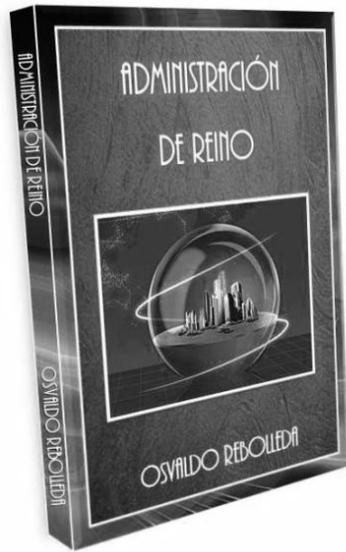
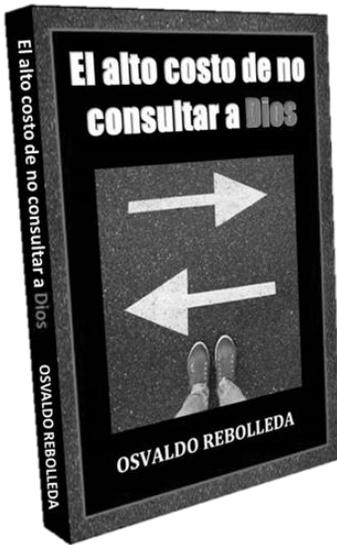
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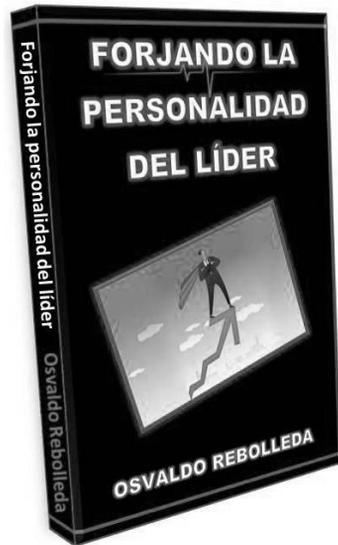


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