

## **These Scars Have Stories**

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“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 NIV

“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

James 1:2-4 NASB

What appears to be a BURDEN in your eyes is an opportunity for a BREAKTHROUGH in God's eyes

God didn't cause your pain but He has a plan for it.

“He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness.”

Malachi 3:3 NIV

Don't look at God through the perspective of your pain. Look at your pain through the perspective of our God.