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Here is one of five ways God uses problems and persecution in your life - God uses problems and persecution to DIRECT you.

Idris Nalos was an African animist converted to the Christian faith in southern Sudan. Soon after his conversion he became an evangelist. He went out preaching in the remotest places. Within a few years, he planted three churches. Soon considered as dangerous because of his activities, he was arrested by the Islamic authorities and put in prison. There he suffered torture to make him deny his Christian faith. Beaten for hours every day, he was also totally deprived of sleep.

About to collapse, Idris prayed, "Lord, prevent me from being like Peter. I am about to give up, help me." And God answered in giving Idris a vision where he saw all those to whom he had preached the gospel and who, in turn, proclaimed the good news to other people.

"I saw those who were saved," he said. In this vision, he realized that even if his life was taken, others had already taken up the baton. From this moment on, Idris was no longer afraid for his life. After three weeks of ceaseless torment, his torturers released him without explanation.

To avoid another arrest he immigrated to Khartoum in the north, where he founded three new churches in a fundamentalist Muslim territory. He had learned how to trust and wasn't afraid anymore. God showed him where to go and what to do.

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RESPONSE

God is at work in my life—even when I do not recognize it or understand it. It is much easier and more profitable when I cooperate with Him.

This is the way to victory!

PRAYER

Lord, point me in the direction of Your will.

May I not need problems and persecution for

You to get my attention.

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Re: GOD USES PROBLEMS AND PERSECUTION TO DIRECT YOU - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2012/4/26 16:53

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1 Cor 1:8-9 Amplified Bible

For we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about the affliction and oppressing distress which befell us in Asia, how we were so utterly and unbearably weighed down and crushed that we despaired even of life. Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received the sentence of death, but that was to keep us from trusting in and depending on ourselves instead of on God Who raises the dead.

God want us to stop depending on ourselves and he will allow crises in our life to bring us to the place of death. As Paul says "Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received the sentence of death" this sentence of death keeps us from trusting in and depending on ourselves instead of God who raises the dead.