

The human heart naturally craves a tame and manageable spirituality. The world rewards such respectable religion, which gives no offense and asks for no transformation. Conversion to Christ means that ambitions have to change or die, desires must be repented of and reoriented, and some behaviors have to stop altogether. This is what it means to embrace the full-orbed gospel.

The Colson Way
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We avoid what we could call “prosperity lite” theology. In contrast to that wrong teaching, we must remember that Christianity is rugged. It is made for trials. Many religions and world views fit with a prosperous way of life. Many of them make us feel good when times are good. But only gospel faith enables us to handle the storms and setbacks that visit us all.

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When someone is in a lamenting season, it is not the proper time to offer a theology lesson or an out-of-context scripture verse as if it were a fortune cookie. If our churches want to be seen as hospitals for the sick then we must stop bandaging peoples' wounds with harmful Christian one-liners and "Job's friends-like" comments.

How we walk with the broken speaks louder
than how we sit with the great.

No More Faking Fine
Esther Fleece

I can only say this now in hindsight. But trials are a good thing for us. Without them and without suffering, we would be a miserable people. We would be self-focused, entitled and prideful, and we'd actually live meaningless lives. It never occurred to me that ongoing suffering would be the chisel at work in my sanctification process.

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“My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour.”

John Newton

- Are you getting to know and understand Christ better?*
- Is there a growing awareness of His presence in your daily experience?*
- Is there "kingdom stuff" going on in your life?*