

Quotes from Colleen Terry's Presentation "The Atonement and Personal Revelation"

Elder Neal A. Maxwell, *But for a Small Moment*, p.444; (emphasis added.)

"I believe with all my heart that because God loves us there are some *particularized challenges* that He will deliver to each of us. He will *customize the curriculum* for each of us in order to teach us the things we most need to know. He will set before us in life what we need; not always what we like. And this will require us to accept with all our hearts the truth that there is *divine design* in each of our lives and that we have rendezvous to keep, individually and collectively."

President Brigham Young, *Discourses of Brigham Young*, sel. John A. Widtsoe [1954], 345.

". . . Every trial and experience you have passed through is necessary for your salvation."

Elder Richard G. Scott, *Ensign*, Nov. 1995, 16 (emphasis added).

"Your Father in Heaven and His Beloved Son love you perfectly. They would not require you to experience a moment more of difficulty than is absolutely needed for your personal benefit or for that of those you love."

". . .The Lord's plan is to exalt you to live with Him and be greatly blessed. The rate at which you qualify is generally set by your capacity to mature, to grow, to love, and to give of yourself. ***He is preparing you to be a god.*** You cannot understand fully what that means, yet, He knows. As you trust Him, seek and follow His will, you will receive blessings that your finite mind cannot understand here on earth."

President Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, Jun 1990, 2.

"He was perfectly obedient to our Heavenly Father and showed us how to forsake the world and keep our priorities in perspective."

Elder Neal A. Maxwell, *Ensign*, Nov. 1997, 22.

Mortality presents us with numerous opportunities to become more Christlike: first, by coping successfully with those of life's challenges which are "common to man[kind]" (1 Cor. 10:13). In addition, there are also our customized trials such as

experiencing illness, aloneness, persecution, betrayal, irony, poverty, false witness, unreciprocated love, et cetera. If endured well now, "all these things" can be for our good and can "greatly enlarge the soul," including an enlarged capacity for joy (D&C 122:7; 121:42). Meek suffering often does the excavating necessary for that enlarging! My admiration goes to my many spiritual superiors who so exemplify for us all. In the world to come, to these, the most faithful, our generous Father will give "all that [He] hath" (D&C 84:38). Brothers and sisters, there isn't any more!

President Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, Nov. 1985, 5.

“When you choose to follow Christ, you choose to be changed.”

Scriptures Used

Matthew 26:39

Luke 22:43-44

John 8:29

3 Nephi 14:21

3 Nephi 13:33

3 Nephi 27:27

Luke 1:38

Alma 7:12

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