

# Victorious Suffering

by Charles E. Cowman

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*Through victorious suffering, we find the strength to help others and become 'Great Hearts' in the Pilgrim's Progress.*

**Scripture:** 1 Chronicles 26:27, Psalm 40:3, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 2:17, 1 Peter 4:13

**Topics:** "Suffering And Trials", "Spiritual Leadership"

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## Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches about finding spiritual force through the pain and trials we face, likening it to the physical force stored in coal mines. He emphasizes that the spoils won from our trials are preparing us to become strong leaders, guiding others through their own trials. Cowman highlights the importance of victorious suffering in helping others, contrasting it with whining and murmuring. He draws inspiration from Paul's attitude of victorious praise in the face of trials, encouraging listeners to find strength in all circumstances.

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## Transcript

"Out of the spoils won in battle did they dedicate to maintain the house of the Lord" (1 Chron. 26:27).

Physical force is stored in the bowels of the earth, in the coal mines, which came from the fiery heat that burned up great forests in ancient ages; and so spiritual force is stored in the depths of our being, through the very pain which we cannot understand.

Some day we shall find that the spoils we have won from our trials were just preparing us to become true "Great Hearts" in the Pilgrim's Progress, and to lead our fellow pilgrims triumphantly through trial to the city of the King.

But let us never forget that the source of helping other people must be victorious suffering. The whining, murmuring pang never does anybody any good.

Paul did not carry a cemetery with him, but a chorus of victorious praise; and the harder the trial, the more he trusted and rejoiced, shouting from the very altar of sacrifice. He said, "Yea, and if I be offered upon the service and sacrifice of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all." Lord, help me this day to draw strength from all that comes to me! --Days of Heaven upon Earth

"He placed me in a little cage,

Away from gardens fair;  
But I must sing the sweetest songs  
Because He placed me there.  
Not beat my wings against the cage  
If it's my Maker's will,  
But raise my voice to heaven's gate  
And sing the louder still!"

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