

Through the Fire

We went through fire and through water; but You brought us out to rich fulfillment.

Psalms 66:12

As you observe the cones of the Giant Sequoia, the beauty in the design impresses you. You will also notice that the cone is sealed and tightly closed. In order for the seeds to be released from the cone, the cone must endure the heat. Because of this fact, the forest rangers will often have controlled burns. They start the fire to release the seeds and produce new growth in the forest.

This process reminds me of the way God leads us through fiery trials. He never intends for them to harm us (Rom. 8:28). He is in control and allows this for our good. He uses the trial to produce new growth.

Like the cone from the Giant Sequoia, we must endure the trials so that God can produce new growth in our lives. Peter tells us “The trial of your faith being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it be tried by fire, shall be found to the praise, and honor, and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: (I Peter 1:7).