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**The Way Of Wisdom**  
"Growing In Adversity"  
Proverbs 17:3

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Introduction: We are working our way through Proverbs and have covered a lot of ground.

1. Proverbs show a direct link between wisdom, righteousness, and success.
2. That reality can be misunderstood.
3. Because we live in a broken world, adversity is inevitable.
4. God is in these moments; He does some of His best work in those moments.
5. Solomon understood this and shares how we can grow stronger in adversity.

I. Adversity Is Real

- A. We Should Not Minimize
- B. We May Not Understand
- C. We Are Called To Share

II. Adversity Is A Growth Opportunity

- A. God Tests The Heart
- B. God Invites Trust

C. God Is Seeking Growth

Conclusion: None of us want adversity. We go out of our way to avoid it.

1. But we cannot escape, eventually we will experience adversity in our lives.
2. We need to meet that adversity with God's wisdom.
3. When we do, we can grow.
4. That's why God allows it. He is not trying to hurt us; He's trying to make us better.
5. You can trust Him!