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### Rain

#### Part 2

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### Look at all the men and women throughout history who rose above

They had to fight harder to overcome those obstacles, but in so doing they became stronger. Instead of complaining that life had given them a "lemon," a bad deal, they "made lemonade out of their lemons."

#### Because of their supposed handicaps,

**Beethoven was stone deaf when** he composed some of the most beautiful music ever written, and Thomas Edison was deaf when he invented the phonograph. Alexander the Great was a hunchback. Homer was a blind minstrel. Renoir painted some of his finest masterpieces when his fingers were so twisted by rheumatism that his artist's brush had to be strapped to his hand. Handel's right side was paralyzed when he composed his greatest work, "The Hallelujah Chorus!"

#### There are so many advantages to

If we didn't have any, we'd be complacent and meander along casually, not building the strength of character that comes from overcoming adversity.

### The beauty that often results from suffering

We wouldn't appreciate our loved ones as much, or find true friends in those who come to our side in times of need. We wouldn't have as much understanding or compassion on others who are going through the same things, or know how to help them.

He also uses our trials and difficulties to humble us, to teach us patience and mercy, and to help us not be selfrighteous, among other things.

Sometimes troubles are the only way God can get us to turn to Him for help, or teach us to put our trust in Him, or to get us to yield to Him,

### The beautiful colors of the rainbow can

If we never had any trials, we wouldn't find our strength in God. We also wouldn't experience the thrill of

#### It takes both rain and sunshine to make

## A RAINBOW

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