

Exodus 2:23-25 (NIV)

²³ During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. ²⁴ God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²⁵ So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.



God is most glorified in us,
when we are most satisfied in him.

John Piper

Genesis 15:12-14 (NIV)

¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³ Then the Lord said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

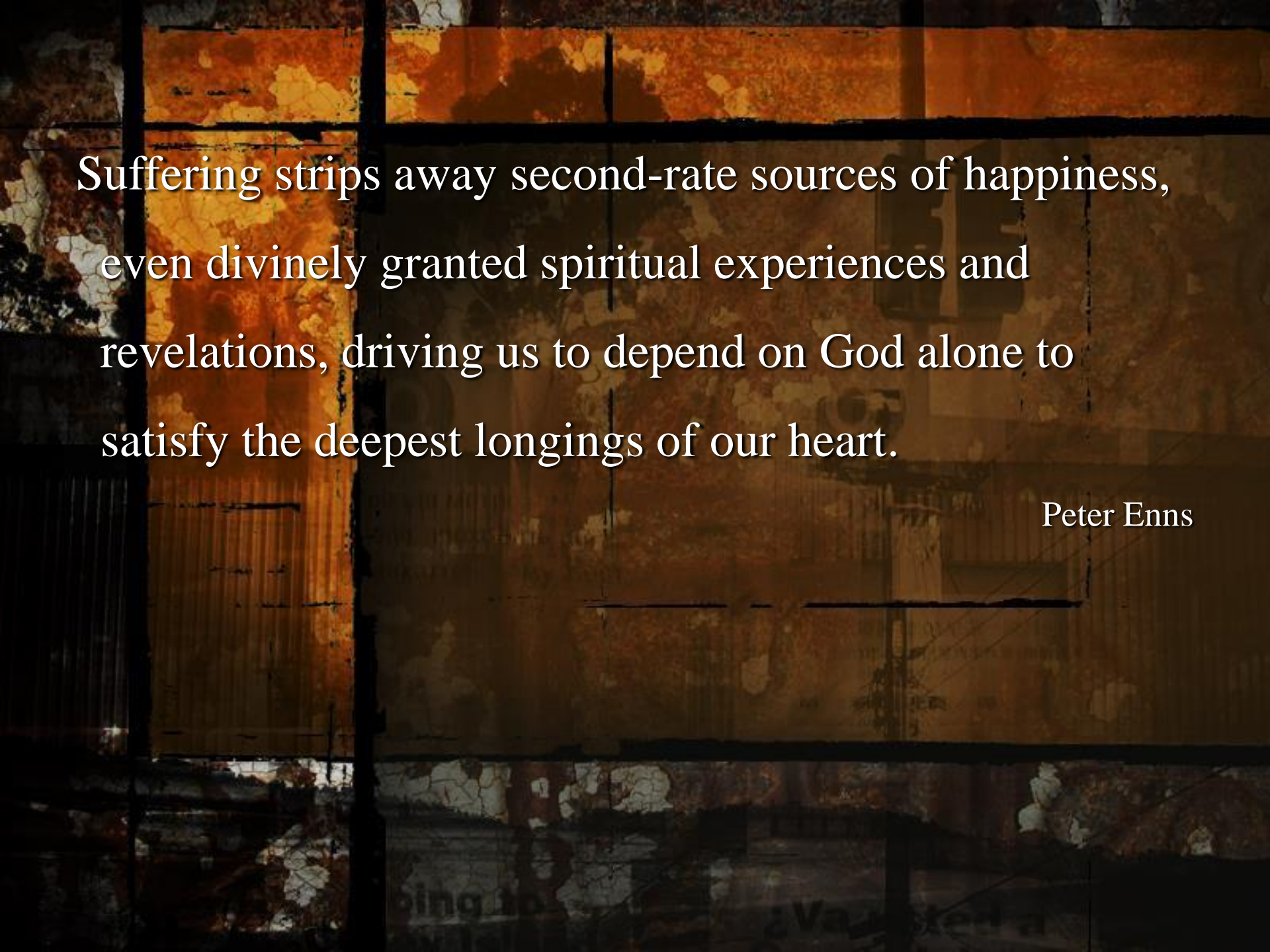
Genesis 46:3-4 (NIV)

³ “I am God, the God of your father,” he said. “Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. ⁴ I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph’s own hand will close your eyes.”



Breaking the grip of the oppressor is what they desired

Breaking the grip of the false trust is what they needed



Suffering strips away second-rate sources of happiness,
even divinely granted spiritual experiences and
revelations, driving us to depend on God alone to
satisfy the deepest longings of our heart.

Peter Enns

Luke 22:42 (NIV)

“Father, if you are willing, take this
cup from me; yet not my will, but
yours be done.”





2 Corinthians 12:9 (ERV)

But the Lord said, “My grace is all you need. Only when you are weak can everything be done completely by my power.” So I will gladly boast about my weaknesses. Then Christ’s power can stay in me.

Psalm 66:16-20 (NIV)

Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.

¹⁷ I cried out to him with my mouth;
his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;

¹⁹ but God has surely listened
and has heard my prayer.

²⁰ Praise be to God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or withheld his love from me!

Isaiah 42:6-7 (NIV)

“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;

I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you

to be a covenant for the people

and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷ to open eyes that are blind,

to free captives from prison

and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.



Will I wait and continue to trust

Will I wait and continue praise

Will I wait and continue to live

I Will trust in your promises

I will sing your praise