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Ps.116,10: *"I trusted in the LORD when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted'.*

Jam.1,12: *"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."*

Martin Luther described the experience of afflictions as God's embrace. This is certainly a statement of faith, for it expresses the belief that the affliction must serve God's good purpose, and does so.

That it is God's embrace we learn by careful hearing (listening to his word), by praying (petitioning and thanking), by suffering for his sake and by hoping.