

Devotional Study Guide Journal

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“Why God? Why?”¹

There is no need to ask, "Why, God?" when we go through trials. We know the answer already.

Everyone on this earth goes through trials. That's why. Everyone. No evil comes from God ever. He doesn't send or "allow" the trials. They are baked into this fallen and corrupt world. It's the *enemy*, not God, that comes to "steal, kill, and destroy."

The good news is He is with us in our troubled times and helps us overcome them. Instead of becoming bitter about what we experience, we believers are somehow bettered. All things work together for our good. But that does NOT mean because good came from our trials that God caused or allowed them to bring about good. He is perfectly able to bring about good without using satan or evil.

To prove this, we need only look at the life of Christ. At NO time did Jesus ever put sickness on someone to bring about good. He healed only. He didn't delay healing so the person could "learn a lesson." He healed them immediately when they asked believing. He sent tribulation to no one.

He only informed us that those who followed Him would be persecuted and told us how to deal with it. But He doesn't send the persecution. He is with us and for us even then.

So, we mustn't raise our tiny fists to God and ask, "Why God?" Instead, we raise our hands to heaven to worship and thank Him that He is for us NOT against us. We thank Him for the deliverance He will bring. He died to give us everlasting life, abundant life. He is the one who changes us and He is able to do that by His Holy Spirit and not trials. He leads us by His Spirit, not by sending us difficulties. Even when those come, He is there to comfort and help and work it together for good.

Philippians 2:13

It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

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