

Lifeway Notes

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?

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"In my distress, I said, 'God cannot see me!' But you heard my prayer when I cried out to you for help." (Psalm 31:22) NCV

Thoughts we may have during a time of crisis:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

QUESTIONS TO ASK IN A TIME OF TROUBLE:

1. IS GOD _____?

"...If you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees...The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him." (Deuteronomy 28:15, 20) NIV

"When the Lord punishes you, don't make light of it, and when he corrects you, don't be discouraged. The Lord corrects the people he loves and disciplines those he calls his own. Be patient when you are being corrected! This is how God treats his children. Don't all parents correct their children? God corrects all of his children, and if he doesn't correct you, then you don't really belong to him."

(Hebrews 12:5-8) CEV

2. IS GOD _____?

*"For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver."
(Psalm 66:10) NIV*

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."
(James 1:2-4) NIV*

3. DOES GOD _____?

"Who has understood the mind of the Lord, or instructed him as his counselor?" (Isaiah 40:13) NIV

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
(Romans 8:28) NIV*

Things to Remember when you are in trouble:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

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