

Where is God when I'm Hurting?

The Truth about Pain: God vs Satan

Luke 22:1-34, 60-62

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As we explore the question, "Where is God when I'm Hurting?", we will look at three truths: (1) The Truth about Pain, (2) The Truth about Temptation & Trials, (3) The Truth about God's Love through Pain & Temptation.

There are two spiritual forces at work when you experience pain: God & Satan. God's design for mankind is eternal life. Satan, on the other hand, tries to mirror God in every way because Satan wants to be God. If you look at the word "live" in the mirror, it spells "evil." God uses pain for good while Satan uses pain for evil.

THE TRUTH ABOUT PAIN: GOD vs SATAN

Satan causes pain to destroy your life

WHY?

1. He does not like it that you belong to God
2. He does not want you to serve God
3. He works through those who disobey God to stop your witness and service

HOW?

1. He wants you to believe God has forgotten you and left you alone
2. He wants to cut off your relationship with God and stop serving Him

God allows pain to draw you closer to Him

WHY?

1. Pain warns you when you need to confess sin in your life
2. Pain leads you to depend on God because He knows your pain

HOW?

1. You believe His promises and trust Him even when you are in pain
2. You draw strength from His Spirit in you and other Christ followers who love you

Where is God when I'm Hurting?

1. He is right there in your heart where He has always been
2. He is at work using your pain as a witness of His love and power