

Sermon Notes

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Ever Wonder Why? #1
Why Did God Let This Happen?
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2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Kids Say the Darndest Things!

There are Good Why? Questions.

There are hard Why? Questions.

There are Theological Why? Questions:

- Why did God Let this happen? (Week 1)
- Why does God have punishment? (Week 2)
- Why should I trust God? (Week 3)
- Why didn't God answer my prayer? (Week 4)
- Why can't I stop? (Week 5)
- Why does God feel so far away? (Week 6)

Rule #1 for this Series – **Don't Check Your Brain at the Door!**

Why Did God Let This Happen? (Week 1)

- When Bad Things Happen to Good People – Kushner – 1981
- Epicurus – 300 BC
 - If God **can't** prevent evil, God must not be all-powerful.
 - If God **won't** prevent evil, God must not be all-good.
 - If God is **willing** and **able** to prevent evil and doesn't, then evil is not real.
 - Answer – Free Will – Forced love is NOT real love.
- Asaph – Legendary Worship Leader
 - Wrote 12 Psalms (50, 76-83)
 - Psalm 73:
 - 3-5 – The world is unfair.
 - 11-14 – I have tried to be faithful.
 - 16 – I am troubled.
 - 17 – Until I entered the Sanctuary of God
 - Understanding!
 - 23-28 – Trust in God

- 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 – Paul's thorn
 - 6-7a – I could boast, but I don't
 - 7b – God keeps me humble through suffering.
 - 9a – God's grace is sufficient.
 - 9b-10 – Our weakness makes us strong
- Answer to the why question – my power is made perfect in weakness.