

I Want To Believe...But  
It Seems Like He Doesn't Care  
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**Genesis 3:16** I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.

**Revelation 21:4** He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.

**Matthew 11:2-6** Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another? And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

When God doesn't seem fair, remember...

1. God has a purpose in your pain.

**1 Peter 1:6-7** So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

2. God is present in your pain.

**Psalm 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10** Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Psalm 119:49-50** Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope. My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.

3. God gives power in the pain.

**Judges 6:12-16** Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "**Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!**" "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites." Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" **The LORD said** to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

**4 lies the enemy throws at us to make us forget who we are:**

- ✓ Why has all this happened?
- ✓ Where are all the miracles?
- ✓ The Lord has abandoned me.
- ✓ I am too weak.

All you need is the Lord on your side and you have the majority!

**Philippians 1:20-21** For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.

Walk Away: To live is Christ, and to die is gain.