

**Where Is God When Life Gets Tough?
Our Response when Life Hits the Fan...
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Typhoons, Earthquakes, Enemies, Disease, Demons, Evil, Cults & Heat Rash...

GOD's Story— Our Response when Life Hits the Fan...

• **In Natural Disasters—2 Chronicles 7:11-22**

- Question: Is God trying to get our/my attention?
- Response: Look to Him—Look within.

• **In Persecution—**

- Jesus Words to Us—John 16:21-22, 33
- Early Christian Experience— Acts 4:18-31
- God will increase my joy, my peace my boldness and my faith!
- 1 Peter 4:19 I commit myself to God and keep doing good!

• **God is Working!—**

- Jesus' Experience— John 5:16-19
- 1st Question: Not, Why is this happening to me? But, What is God up to?
 - o CV Crisis: (1) He wants us to look to him for everything!
 - (2) He wants to expand the US Xian's view of church...
 - (3) He wants us to learn new ways of serving & connecting...
- John 5:17 We join God in his work, doing good, just as Jesus did.
- Romans 8:28 We are confident that God is working for our good.

Big Idea:

**No matter what happens in life, God is at work—
in it, through it and even despite it—for our good!
We look to him. We look within. And we continue to do good!**

Right On!

(O.T. Scripture: Psalm 34:11-22)