

# Where is God when it hurts?

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When a person tells you that  
you hurt them, you don't get  
to decide that you didn't.

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# Wrong question gets the wrong answer!

- In Research ... you have to ask the right question to form a hypothesis
- In Food ... you have to go to the right restaurant to order the right food.
- In Life ... you have to ask the right question to get the right answer

What if the topic today is,

“Where was I *(relative to God)* when it hurts?”

instead of

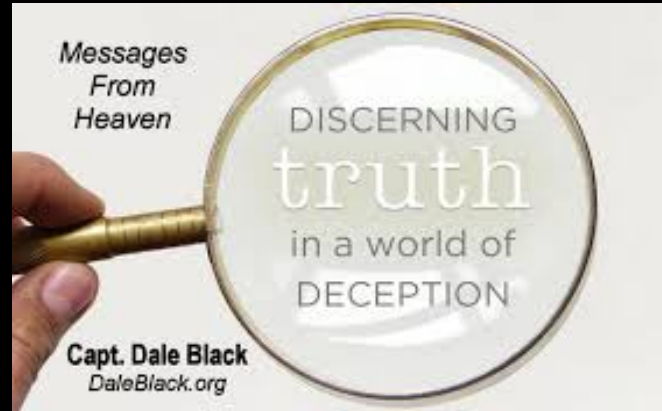
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# Hurts are signals for restoration from ...

Emotional pain



Wrong message



the whys



# Some causes of hurts ...

## Uncontrolled tongue



## Expectations



## Obligations



# Hurt has a propensity to ...

Paralyse



Stifle



Quit



# Biblical principles in dealing with hurts ...

## A. We were created for relationship.

Where there's no relationship, there is no hurt

Jesus laid down the relationship parameters

- He called it a covenant; not a partnership
- He made it easy for others; not necessarily for Himself
- He made it unconditional; you don't have to pay for it
- He will continue to contribute, even if you don't
- He allow you to be the worst critic
- He ensures your benefit surpasses your contributions
- *#mefirst* is not one of the parameters

# Biblical principles in dealing with hurts

- B. These same principles can be deployed in all relationships; spousal, parent-children, work, friends etc..
- C. Know the enemy
- D. Seek His presence instead of His present
  - His presence is healing
  - His presence is affirmation & confirmation
  - His presence is assurance etc



# What is God telling us today?

## 1. If you are experiencing hurts today

- Seek His presence over His present (taking away the problem)
- Attempt, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to make every relationship a covenant relationship
- Believe that hurts are signals and opportunities to glorify Him

## 2. If you have no hurts

- Perhaps, you are the one causing hurt without realizing ???
- If not, do walk alongside those who are hurting
- Be sensitive to them; their reality is different from yours