

## Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People pt 2

### Romans 8:19-28

#### 1. The Surprising MERCY of God

- Psalm 103:8–14                      – Luke 15                      – Matthew 5:45
- A better question might be: “*Why do good things happen to bad people?*” The answer: because God is MERCIFUL and compassionate.
- God gives sun and rain to the just and unjust alike—not because we deserve it, but because He is GOOD.

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_: The Righteous Suffered for the Unrighteous

- Romans 5:8            – Isaiah 53:3–6            – 1 Peter 3:18            – Hebrews 4:15
- Jesus willingly endured \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so that sinners could be reconciled to God.
- At the cross, we see both divine \_\_\_\_\_ and divine \_\_\_\_\_ fully displayed.
- Our suffering has meaning because we follow a Savior who suffered to bring us hope.

#### 3. God is Working \_\_\_\_\_ Things for Good

- Romans 8:28                      – 2 Corinthians 4:17            – Revelation 21:4
- God never \_\_\_\_\_ our suffering or hardships.
- Suffering \_\_\_\_\_ character, deepens faith, and reveals God’s greater purposes.

#### 4. The Promise of Future \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Corinthians 4:17                      – Colossians 2:13-15
- SUFFERING is temporary; glory is eternal.
- Our present suffering will give way to resurrection joy.
- The DRAMA of the Ages will reveal the full plan of God.

You are a \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Grace, engraved with “***The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.***”  
(Exodus 34, Psalm 103)

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## Reflection and Discussion

1. What emotions or thoughts did you have during this sermon?
  2. Has this question—“*Why do bad things happen to good people?*”—ever been personal for you?
  3. How does Scripture describe God’s nature when it comes to justice, mercy, and compassion? (Ps 108)
  4. How can we reconcile God's goodness with the presence of suffering in the world?
  5. How does the cross of Christ speak into the problem of pain and injustice?
  6. How can we be people of hope and comfort to others in their suffering?
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Next Week

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