Tough Questions – Honest Answers (3)

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Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People pt 1

Happy Father's Day

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." Billy Graham "The hand that steadied the cradle helped anchor the soul and point the way to the Father above." Thomas Johnson "We cannot let what's wrong with our earthly father keep us from celebrating all that is great with our Carlo Serrano heavenly father." 1. We Live in a World Genesis 3:17–19 Romans 8:20–22 • The presence of suffering and injustice flows from the Fall—when sin entered, the world was fractured. We should not interpret suffering as a sign of God's absence—but as a sign of a world in need of ______. 2. No One Is Truly — Only God Romans 3:10–12 Mark 10:18 Ecclesiastes 7:20 The question "Why do bad things happen to good people?" assumes a **CENTERED** view of goodness. But in light of God's holiness, none are righteous. Instead of demanding fairness, we respond with humility and gratitude for the mercy we respond with humility and gratitude for the mercy we receive every day. 3. The Surprising of God Psalm 103:8–14 - Matthew 5:45 • A better question might be: "Why do good things happen to bad people?" The answer: because God is _____ and compassionate. • God gives sun and rain to the just and unjust alike—not because we deserve it, but because He is _____. **ADMIT** BELIEVE CHOOSE

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Operation Christmas Child Items

June/July – Inflatable balls (e.g., beach balls, kickballs, soccer balls) and sunglasses.

Reflection and Discussion

- **1.** What does the Bible teach us about the source of suffering in the world?
- **2.** Why do you think people often ask, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" How might that question change when we consider Romans 3:10 and Mark 10:18?
- **3.** How does God show His mercy and compassion even to those who don't deserve it?
- **4.** Jesus suffered more than any person in history, yet He was completely righteous. How does this truth shape the way we view our own suffering?
- 5. How can we practically trust God's goodness when life feels unfair?

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