

Bible Never Said Series – Part 6

Message Summary: All people on planet earth ask a universal question of God. WHY? We've all asked God the WHY questions. God, why all the pain...why all the suffering...why is my life so hard...why did this happen...why did you allow this evil...why do I have to endure so much hardship and pain? God WHY? Why didn't you heal my marriage...why didn't you heal me or my loved one...Why do you allow evil people so much influence? These questions become even more difficult if we have a wrong expectation about God.

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God Will Prevent Bad Things From Happening to Good People

1. Jesus promised hardship in this life John 16:33

- Remember that Jesus is with you in the hardship
- Pray that He would help you walk through the hardship
- Ask for His promised peace

2. God uses hardship to grow us James 1:2-4

3. Hardship can be God's will 1 Peter 4:12

4. Hardship requires perseverance in God's will Hebrews 10:32-36

- We get through the Pain with Prayer
- We get through the Uncertainty with Understanding
- We get through the Chaos with Community

LIFEGROUP Questions

BEGIN IT (5min) – Open Prayer & Praise

OPEN IT (10min) – Have you ever thought that your good behavior will keep bad things from happening to you? Why / Why not?

EXPLORE IT (60min) - Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss John 16:33. Are trials and sorrows unavoidable in this life?
2. How do we experience the peace Jesus offers despite the trials and sorrows?
3. Not all hardships grow us. We all know people who went through painful situations and became worse. How do hardships grow spiritual endurance in us? What hinders this from happening?
4. Discuss how some suffering can be God's will. Does this bother you at all? Explain.
5. How do we persevere in God's will when we walk through hardships and pain?

APPLY IT (15min): Take time to pray with those IN the group going through a bad season of life.