

# WHY DID YOU LET IT HAPPEN?

## God, I Have a Question #1

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Big Idea: Trust God to give \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when you hurt.

### THREE WAYS GOD HELPS WHEN YOU HURT

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ helps soothe your pain.
  - God is always \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ are in pain. (Ps. 34:17-17; Is. 43:1-3)
  - God is present through His \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal. 6:2; Rom. 12:15; 2 Cor. 2:3-4)
2. God's gives \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_ than your pain.
  - There is \_\_\_\_\_ after loss. (John 16:33; Jer. 29:11-13)
  - Pain is part of \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb. 12:7,11)
3. God promises \_\_\_\_\_ pain.
  - Paradise was lost by \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 3:22-24)
  - Paradise is restored by God's \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 21:1-5)
  - Pain reminds us that we are not \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

## DAILY REFLECTIONS ON THE BEST NEWS EVER

### Monday

Read Psalm 34:17-18 and Isaiah 43:1-3. God is always present when His children hurt. If you are hurting, confused, discouraged, or disillusioned, ask God to help you sense His presence. Listen to Toby Mac's song, "Faithfully" on YouTube. You might also like "21" that was also written about the death of his 21-year-old son, Truett.

### Tuesday

Read Jeremiah 29:1-23. What is the context? Who was Jeremiah writing to? Why were they in Babylon (Jer. 25:1-14)? Everyone paid the price of the sinful majority, righteous and unrighteous alike. Read 29:11-13 several times. God told them there was life after loss. Trust God to give you life after your loss. Seek God for it.

### Wednesday

Read Hebrews 12:1-11. How does painful discipline show that God loves us? Good parents don't protect their children from all the pain of bad choices. Pain is part of growth because it inspires life change and yields the peaceful fruit of right living. How has God used pain to grow you?

### Thursday

Read Genesis 3. This is the story of how paradise was lost by sin. How is this your story too? Adam and Eve were locked out of paradise in a world broken by their own sin. We live in that broken world where pain and loss are inevitable. Do you ever hunger to return to "the garden" and regain the paradise we lost? For believers in Jesus, this dream will become reality. To be continued...

### Friday

Read Revelation 21:1-22:5. The new city of God in heaven on earth will be spectacular. Notice in 22:1-5 who and what is in the middle of the city. How is it like the garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8-14)? This is paradise regained by grace through faith in Christ. In Christ we are moving from paradise lost to paradise restored. Expect pain along the way. Pain must eventually give way to paradise! Praise God!