

**“WHY DOES GOD ALLOW  
SO MUCH SUFFERING?”**

**“I’ve Always Wondered... Real Questions.  
Real Doubts. Real Answers.” - Part 2**

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**4 Reasons Why God Allows  
So Much Suffering.**

1. We live in a broken world.

**Genesis 3:16-19 <sup>16</sup> Then he said to the woman,**

**“I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy,  
and in pain you will give birth.**

**And you will desire to control your husband,  
but he will rule over you.”**

**<sup>17</sup> And to the man he said,**

**“Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree  
whose fruit I commanded you not to eat,**

**the ground is cursed because of you.**

**All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.**

**<sup>18</sup> It will grow thorns and thistles for you,  
though you will eat of its grains.**

<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow  
will you have food to eat  
until you return to the ground  
from which you were made.  
For you were made from dust,  
and to dust you will return.” (NLT)

## 2. God allows freedom - and freedom can cause pain.

Deuteronomy 30:19 Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! (NLT)

Galatians 6:7 You will always harvest what you plant. (NLT)

## 3. God can use suffering for a greater purpose.

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. (NLT)

James 1:2-4 <sup>2</sup> My brothers and sisters, you will have many kinds of trouble. But this gives you a reason to be very happy.

<sup>3</sup> You know that when your faith is tested, you learn to be patient in suffering.

<sup>4</sup> If you let that patience work in you, the end result will be good. You will be mature and complete. You will be all that God wants you to be. (ERV)

4. This world is not the end of the story.

Revelation 21:3-4 <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

<sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (NLT)

II Corinthians 4:17 For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! (NLT)