

## **But Why?**

*Part 5- Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayers?*

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### **1. In this world, we will face problems and difficulties.**

*Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, for I have overcome the world. (John 16:33, New Living Translation)*

*People are born for trouble as readily as sparks fly up from a fire. (Job 5:7, New International Version)*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me – your rod and your staff they comfort me. (Psalms 23:4, English Standard Version)*

### **2. God knows how much it hurts**

*Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint. Heal me Lord, for my bones are in agony.... Among the dead, nobody proclaims your name.... I am worn out from my groaning. All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears. (Psalm 6:2-6, NIV)*

*Just a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. For He Himself knows our form; He is mindful that we are nothing but dust. (Psalms 103:13-14, New American Standard Bible)*

### **3. Our trials can often reveal the depth of our faith in Christ.**

*I am telling you the truth: You are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles. (John 6:26, Good News Translation)*

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Roman 8:38-39, NIV)*

*I was given a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 8-9, NIV)*

### **3. God sometimes allows suffering so that His name will be praised when the healing comes.**

*Rabbi, who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind. (John 9:2, NIV)*

*Neither this man, nor his parents sinned", said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him." (John 9:3, NIV)*

*So do not fear, for I am with you: do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10, NIV)*

### **4. Stay strong and hold fast to Jesus.**

*Lord, there is no one else we can go to. Your words give eternal life! (John 6:68, Contemporary English Version)*

### **5. Remember the times that God has been there for you in the past.**

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV)*