



LOVING GOD WHEN IT'S DIFFICULT

Some answers for difficult situations

TIMES WHEN IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT

- Natural disasters/Acts of God
 - Evil done to the innocent
 - Evil done to our loved ones
 - Evil done to ourselves
 - Death of loved ones
 - Hardship, trials, corrections, long sufferings
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- **Realize when it isn't God fault.**
 - Time and chance happen to all
 - ***Ecclesiastes 9:11***
 - Sometimes things happen, and though we often feel the need to find someone to blame, blame does not always need to be assigned.
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- **Realize when it's isn't God fault.**
 - Effects of Sin are not God's fault.
 - They are a result of those who chose to use their free will to sin
 - If God is good and all powerful, why did He allow it to happen?
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- **Realize when it's isn't God fault.**
 - ***Mark 10:27***
 - "All things" are things that are intrinsically possible
 - Self contradictory statements are not things, they are nonentities
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- **Effects of Sin**

- If God took away the effects of sin, we would never see evil for what it really is, evil.
 - We need to see evil for what it is, and see good for what it is.
 - What would the world be like if the consequence of good and bad were the same?
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- See the Purpose of the Lord
 - ***James 5:11***
 - Though things happen by time and chance, and wicked people have the ability to causes harm, God can work things for the good.
 - To establish our hearts
 - ***James 5:8-11***
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- See the Purpose of the Lord
 - For Us to Grow
 - ***James 1:2-4***
 - To Correct Us
 - ***Hebrews 12:5-11***
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- See the Purpose of the Lord
 - To Try and Test us
 - ***1 Peter 1:6-7***
 - Make us Rely on God
 - ***2 Corinthians 1:8-10***
 - Isn't that cruel and/manipulative?
 - We can't be saved without God. It's not cruel or manipulative if it's what we really and truly need.
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- See the Purpose of the Lord
 - To Show the Works of God
 - ***John 9:1-4***
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- See the Purpose of the Lord
 - To make us not love this world but to long for heaven
 - ***2 Corinthians 5:1-9***
 - ***2 Peter 3:11-12***
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- God has done so much for us, even when things are bad. Do not turn your back on Him. See His purpose and grow closer to Him, the only one who can truly save you from this corrupt world.
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