

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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"If God is a loving God, why won't He stop all this suffering, whether it be natural disasters, or man-made suffering....why doesn't He DO SOMETHING??!"

Can a loving God allow pain?



Genesis 3:17 ERV

"Then God said to the man, 'I commanded you not to eat from that tree. But you listened to your wife and ate from it. So I will **curse** the ground because of you. You will have to **work hard** all your life for the food the ground produces.'"

1 Corinthians 9:19,22 ERV

"I am free. I belong to no other person, but I make myself a **slave** to everyone. I do this to help save as many people as I can...to those who are weak, I became weak so that I could help save them. I have become all things to all people. I did this so that I could [**rescue**] people in any way possible."

1 Peter 4:1 NIV

"Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same **attitude**, because whoever **suffers** in the body is done with sin."

Hebrews 5:7-9 NIV

"During the days of Jesus' life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission. Son though He was, He learned **obedience** from what He **suffered** and, once made perfect, He became the Source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him...."

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 NLT

"If you think you are standing strong, be **careful** not to fall. The temptations in your life are **no** different from what others **experience**. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NLT

"Each time [God] said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in **weakness**.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take **pleasure** [contented, delighted] in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am **weak**, then I am strong."

John 16:33 NLT

"I have told you all this so that you may have **PEACE** in Me. Here on earth you will have **MANY** trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Deuteronomy 31:6 AMP [also 1 Chron. 28:20, Hebrews 13:5]

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble in dread before them [nations in the Promised Land], for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will **NOT** fail you or abandon you."

1 John 5:4-5 NLT

"For EVERY child of God **DEFEATS** this evil world by trusting Christ to give the victory. And the ones who **WIN** this battle against the world are the ones who believe that Jesus is **the Son of God**."

Key word is **CONTROL**. You want God to be in **CONTROL**. Is He in **CONTROL** of YOUR life?

