

Meadowbrook Baptist Church

July 19, 2026

Worship 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 AM

WHEN SOMETHING REALLY BAD HAPPENS

"The thing I feared the most has come upon me. What I dreaded has happened."

[Job 3:25]

Four years ago, this week, God took Mary Ann to be with Him. I just returned from Texas where we buried her sister Jeanie. We never know what lies around the next corner. Lives can change instantly for the better or for the worst. This is why it is so important to enjoy today and bring joy to others today. Get up every morning and say, **"This is the day the Lord has made I will rejoice and be glad in it."** Looking on the negative side- when something really bad happens

WHEN WE KNOW WHY

Sometimes we know why. A boy riding a bicycle down a hill took his hands off the handlebars and said, Look Mama no hands. He took his feet off the pedals and said, Look Mama no feet. He hit a bump flew face down into the pavement and his Mamma walked over and said, "Look Billy no teeth."

I know that's corny but you get the message. if I eat six pieces a thick sliced bacon every day and get a stroke, I have no one to blame but myself. But what about those times when we don't know why.

WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHY

HARDER FOR CHRISTIANS

Job took his pain personally. In Chapter 7 he asked God, **"Why are you using me for your target practice?" [7:20]** I understand how Christians going through something horrible

can say they don't know how people who don't know the Lord can go through something like that. I agree.

But there's another side to it We have to endure the pain and try to make sense of it in light of the fact that we ask for God's will to be done every day and that we prayed for God to keep our loved ones safe today. People say it's not right to question God. I don't know where they get that but most of us, when life caves in, have questions whether we verbalize it or not.

THREE POSSIBILITIES

When we wonder why bad things happen, as I just said, sometimes we are to blame. But if we aren't, we search for answers about God's part in it. Christians have come up with three answers in their search for peace.

a} God did it. / b} God Allowed it / c} We don't know why it happened but God can make good come from it

If a drunk driver jumps the curb and kills your child playing in the front yard some people say, God did it. It was His will. Charles Stanley teaches this and draws comfort from it.

Some say God allowed it. I cannot see the difference. If God beats me up or let's Mike Tyson beat me up, I am still beat up. To be honest I have held both of these views in my search for peace. We never know how we will feel then horrible pain hits, but today I think I would say, "I do not know why this happened, and I probably never will. but I believe Romans 8:28.

"We know God makes all things together for good, for those who love Him and have answered His call to live according to His purpose for their life."

This is not a translation but an interpretation of the phrase about being **"called according to his purposes"**. We do this by praying, **"Thy will be done"** like Jesus did in Gethsemane. (Matt. 26)

I'm not sure which of these is true. Perhaps they all are. If something brings you peace