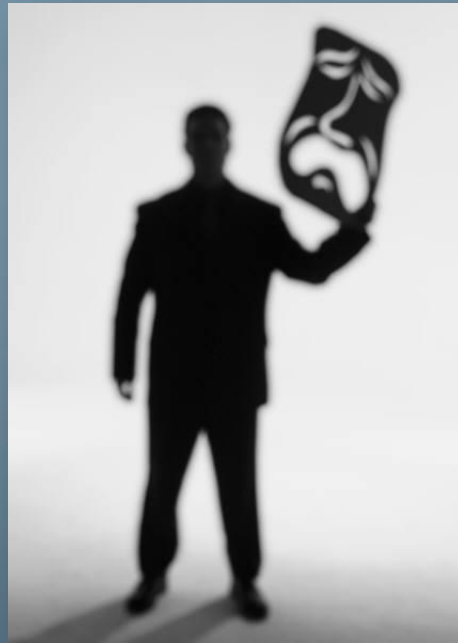


WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?



Life Is Filled With Joy & Sorrow

- **Murder of Abel** **Genesis 4:8**
- **Joseph sold** **Genesis 37:28**
- **Jacob grieved** **Genesis 37:34**
- **Widow of Nain** **Luke 7:11**
- **Woman / blood** **Luke 8:43**
- **Samaritan story** **Luke 10:30**
- **James & Peter** **Acts 12:1-4**

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- **Birth of child** **Genesis 20:1-7**
- **Son found** **Genesis 45:26**
- **Healing** **Luke 8:38-39**
- **Salvation** **Acts 8:39**
- **Friends** **2 Timothy 1:16-17**

He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

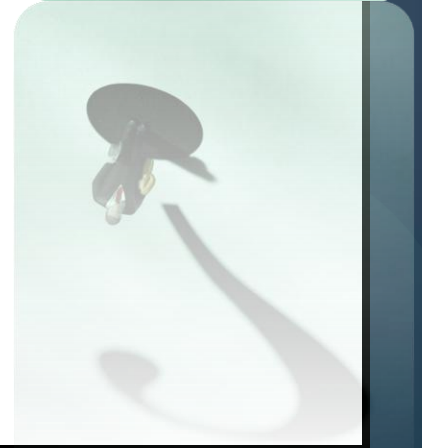
(Matthew 5:45)

The Issue About Suffering

Why Me?

- ❖ **What did I do to deserve this?**
- ❖ **After all, I am a good person and I prayed to God, why weren't my prayers answered?**

**WHY DO THE
RIGHTEOUS
SUFFER?**



The Issue About Suffering

- **While the RIGHTEOUS are not exempt from suffering; the RIGHTEOUS are able to know the nature of suffering!**

2 Corinthians 5:1-4

Revelation 21:4

***But SUFFERING hurts
What then?***



The Issue About Suffering

- **Job struggled** **Job 3**
- **David struggled** **Psalm 32:3-4**
- **Paul struggled** **2 Cor. 12:7-8**

Consider God's promise

1 Corinthians 10:13



What Are The Answers?

- **Sometimes there are no answers!**
 - **Job 2:9-10**
- **There can be acceptance**
 - **Job 1:21-22**
 - **2 Corinthians 12:9**
- **There can be hope**
 - **Galatians 6:2**
 - **1 Corinthians 12:26**



These all died in
faith, not having
received the
promises, but
having seen
them afar off
were assured of
them, embraced
them and
confessed that
they were
strangers and
pilgrims on the
earth.



Hebrews 11:13