

## Why, God?

*As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>“Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind?*

*John 9: 1-2a (NIV)*

*I am sick at heart.*

*How long, O Lord, until you restore me?*

*Psalm 6:3 (NIV)*

*O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever?*

*How long will you look the other way?*

*Psalm 13:1 (NIV)*

*How long, O Lord, must I call for help?*

*But you do not listen!*

*“Violence is everywhere!” I cry,*

*but you do not come to save.*

*Habakkuk 1:2 (NIV)*

*O Lord, why do you stand so far away?*

*Why do you hide when I am in trouble?*

*Psalm 10:1 (NIV)*

*Wake up, O Lord! Why do you sleep?*

*Get up! Do not reject us forever.*

*<sup>24</sup> Why do you look the other way?*

*Why do you ignore our suffering and oppression?*

*<sup>25</sup> We collapse in the dust,*

*lying face down in the dirt.*

*<sup>26</sup> Rise up! Help us!*

*Ransom us because of your unfailing love.*

*Psalm 44:23-26 (NIV)*

*They shouted to the Lord and said, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?”*

*Revelation 6:10 (NIV)*

Truths to remind ourselves us in times like this...

! Tragedy is not \_\_\_\_\_ based.

*The same destiny ultimately awaits everyone, whether righteous or wicked, good or bad, ceremonially clean or unclean, religious or irreligious. Good people receive the same treatment as sinners, and people who make promises to God are treated like people who don't.*

<sup>3</sup> It seems so wrong that everyone under the sun suffers the same fate. Already twisted by evil, people choose their own mad course, for they have no hope. There is nothing ahead but death anyway. <sup>4</sup> There is hope only for the living.  
Ecclesiastes 9:2-4 (NLT)

! **Bringing Suffering is Satan's \_\_\_\_\_.**

*But terror will come on the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you in great anger,  
knowing that he has little time.”  
Revelation 12:12 (NIV)*

! **Bringing \_\_\_\_\_ out of our suffering is God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

*It was good for me to be afflicted  
so that I might learn your decrees.  
Psalm 119:71 (NIV)*

*I know, Lord, that your laws are righteous,  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.  
Psalm 119:75 (NIV)*

*As Jesus passed by, He saw a man who had been blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.  
John 9:1-3 (NASB)*

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.  
Romans 8:28 (KJV)*

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.  
Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

! **In our \_\_\_\_\_, we must stand on God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

*If your law had not been my delight,  
I would have perished in my affliction.  
Psalm 119: 92 (NIV)*

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death<sup>[b]</sup> or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

*<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”  
Revelation 21:3-5 (NIV)*

*Though the fig tree does not bud  
and there are no grapes on the vines,  
though the olive crop fails  
and the fields produce no food,  
though there are no sheep in the pen  
and no cattle in the stalls,  
<sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will be joyful in God my Savior.  
<sup>19</sup> The Sovereign Lord is my strength;  
Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV)*