

## WHAT TO DO WHEN WHAT GOD MAKES DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE?

<sup>20</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." <sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." **Mathew 26:20**

**Enlightenment:** A Christian guy, wanted to buy a Bible, and after a while looking for it, he finally found one at a Christian book store, It was beautiful! With a crocodile skin cover and gold trim at the edges, ultra fine quality sheets, plus three-dimensional maps, introductory notes and studies of each book of the Bible and many other things you would really like in a good study bible. It was the most expensive Bible in the store, so he made some sacrifices to save a lot of money, until he was able to purchase that Bible, he went out of the book store carrying his Bible under his arm, he was very happy and out in the parking he met a friend from church, they were talking about his Bible and his friend was also amazed with it, when suddenly WHAM! A thief snatched the Bible from his arm; his friend looked at the thief while he was lost in the crowd, when suddenly he hears a very loud laugh, is the guy who just bought the Bible. The friend asked him - Why don't you chase the thief? Go after him! The guy was still laughing and his friend said: - How can you laugh, when a thief just stole your Bible and you worked so hard to get it? And he replied: - I am not laughing at that - Then what are you laughing at? His friend asked, and he said - The devil is so silly!! - Why do you say that? He replied- Is just that the devil stole my Bible for the thief to become Christian. **There are things that seem to make no sense but God uses them for good!**

### Interactive Questions:

- What do you do when you are going through difficult and painful times in life?
- Where to go when all you see is a haze of confusion, and it doesn't let us see or think clearly

**Introduction:** Even Jesus, before he went to the cross to die, he had a hard time, and he cried out to God and asked him if he really needed to do what he was about to do, but he understood that his pain was needed to save the world. How to react to the doctor's bad news, the threat of a possible divorce, or the unexpected loss of a relationship or job, or a loved one, or a business or ministry, What to do? Here we show you some mainstays to help you find the answers to these questions.

### 1. BE CERTAIN THAT GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF EVIL. Jer. 29:11

- a. When something painful happens in our life we start looking for someone to blame, we feel disappointed and some people ends up bettered or resented with God. Even when you feel confused or lost, always remember that God is not the author of evil.
- b. Then who? –you can ask yourself. The point here is not to find who's guilty but to understand that God has thoughts of blessing for us, He has plans of hope and life not to harm you.

### 2. BE CERTAIN THAT GOD LISTENS TO YOU.

- a. "No one cares about what I'm going through, the world keeps going while my world is falling apart, nobody cares about my pain" Thoughts like these may come to your mind if you lost your job or your son or daughter is seriously ill.
- b. Pain can make you feel that God doesn't care about you, but the truth is that God is listening even when you don't listen to him, (Psalms 37:15-18; Psalms. 116:1-2). He

listens even when we don't understand.

### 3. DIRECT YOUR TOUGH QUESTIONS TO GOD

- a. It is normal to question ourselves and question injustice and God doesn't mind us to ask because he understands your heart. Jesus Christ himself during the hardest times of his life on earth felt alone and asked "why? ". *Mathew 27:46 (NVI)*.
- b. We have to know whom to approach. It's dangerous to ask a bitter or confuse person our questions because they will give us bitter or confused answer and we will end up worse than before asking. People speculate and will give us trivial answers, but when we cry out to God, he will give us inexplicable peace. (Jer. 33:3; Phil. 4:5-7).
- c. Direct your tough questions to God

### 4. FIND REST IN THE WORD OF GOD. 2 Cor. 1:3-4 (NTV).

- a. Switch all of your negative thoughts finding every day two or three promises from God to your life in the bible, and certainly you won't get that from the shows or news on TV. *Rom. 8:28*

### Conclusion:

1. Always remember that God is not the author of evil.
2. Always remember that God is listening.
3. Always remember to direct your tough questions to God.
4. Always remember to rest and strengthen yourself in the Word of God. If you are going through a difficult time, this is the time that the Lord wants to Glorify in your life. He wants you to be filled with his peace and joy. Invite Jesus to be your Lord and Savior.

#### Sinner's prayer

*Lord Jesus I recognize that I've sin  
and that you died for me. Today I  
repent and I ask for forgiveness. I  
give you my life and my heart so you  
can be my Lord and my Savior.  
Amen*

#### **Announcements:**

- Movie night for the whole family:
- Friday April 25 for a \$5 donation
- 3 Days of Power retreat, for adults
- April 25 to 27
- Reviving the fire retreat May 3 -5.