

# sermonnotes

## Everyday Questions: Part 1

At times in life there seems to be more questions than answers. We are limited human beings who struggle to understand life as we are living out our relationship with God.

### Why would a God who is all-good, all-knowing, and all-powerful allow bad things to happen to good people?

1. Jesus said we would have \_\_\_\_\_ in this world. (*John 16:33*)
  - Jesus never promised a problem-free existence, but what He did promise was His presence.
2. We live in a \_\_\_\_\_ that is yet to be fully redeemed. (*John 10:10*)
3. God grows and refines our faith often through \_\_\_\_\_. (*James 1:2-4*)

“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”  
C.S. Lewis

### Why does a God who is all-knowing and all-powerful not answer my prayers?

When crisis comes we pray. We need answers, so we cry out to God. But, the brutal fact of the matter is that while most of us pray, prayer does not always seem to work. At times the heavens seem to be silent.

1. At times prayers are not answered because they are not aligned to \_\_\_\_\_. (*Matthew 26:39*)
  - Not aware of God’s greater plan. (*Isaiah 55:8-9*)
  - Selfishly motivated. (*James 4:3*)
  - Waiting for God’s timing. (*Genesis 15:2*)
2. At times prayers are not answered because God Himself is a \_\_\_\_\_ answer than the things we are asking for. (*2 Corinthians 12:7-9*)
3. At times prayers are not answered due to \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. (*Isaiah 59:1-2*)
4. At times prayers are not answered because God’s will is being directly \_\_\_\_\_ by the “spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms.” (*Ephesians 6:12*)

“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, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.” *Habakkuk 3: 17-18*

Answers: trouble; fallen world; adversity; God’s will; greater; sin; contested

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