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Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?

Isaiah 53

The Dilemma:

The Logic:

1. God is all powerful.
2. God is all knowing.
3. God is all loving.

The Christian Answer:

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. What is the most painful experience you have been through in your life? How did this experience shape your view of God?
2. What is the role of human free will in pain and suffering? Do you believe that God should intervene in situations where a person could harm themselves or others? At what level should God intervene?
3. When you think about the possibility of heaven, does it impact your thinking about pain and suffering? See John 14:1-6; Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-5.
4. How does the coming of Jesus and His suffering make Christianity different than other beliefs? What are the implications of God suffering with us? See Isaiah 53:3-10; Psalm 23:4



Memory Verse

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him and by his wounds we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:5