



Doubting God's Goodness

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1. Suffering and pain in life will either...

- Shake your faith
- Prove your faith

⁶ So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. **1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT**

2. Keeping your faith in hard times

- See God's plan in your pain
- Embrace God's peace in your pain

¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. **2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT**

¹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. ² "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" ³ "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. **John 9:1-3 NLT**

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

3. God is not fair... but he is good

¹⁰ He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. ¹¹ For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. ¹² He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. **Psalms 103:10-12 NLT**

Next Steps:

- Commit to seek God when doubts arise in my life and seek to understand his will and plan
- Commit to look beyond my pain and suffering to see that God's love and peace will carry me through any hardship
- Re-read today's Bible verses this week
- Attend the rest of this series (or watch on our Youtube channel)
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