

Why is there Suffering?

You Asked for It – Part 7

“...may (God) give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.” Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

Where is my Hope in Suffering?

1) Keep Your Eyes on the Cross.

We must never stop looking to Jesus. He is the leader of our faith, and he is the one who makes our faith complete. He suffered death on a cross. But he accepted the shame of the cross as if it were nothing because of the joy he could see waiting for him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God's throne. Think about Jesus. He patiently endured the angry insults that sinful people were shouting at him. Think about him so that you won't get discouraged and stop trying.

Hebrews 12.2-3

We Suffer With Christ

Christ Suffers With Us

2) Keep Your Eyes on the Future.

Now in putting everything in subjection to him [Jesus], he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2.8-9

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

1 Corinthians 4.17

3) You'll Never Be Satisfied.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8.22-23

“Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.” – Revelation 22.20