

IF GOD... WHY EVIL?

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WORSHIP

Today, By Your Love, One God, I Speak Jesus-Reliably True (medley)

WELCOME

Have you ever come to a point in your life when you've asked, "If God exists, why is there so much pain and suffering in my life (or around me)?"

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

1. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

3. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's help and comfort, salvation for Israel, wisdom for their leaders in government, military and their soldiers as they defend themselves against terrorists' attacks. PRAISE GOD for the release of hostages so far! Continue to pray for the release of the remaining ones.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; conflict in African, East Asian and Middle East countries to stop. Pray for Christians from different countries who have been persecuted, attacked and killed in recent weeks.

3. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

4. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

5. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

WORD

READ IT!

HABAKKUK 1:2

How long, Lord, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?

GENESIS 50:20

"You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good."

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- How can you reconcile the belief that God is loving and powerful amidst the reality of evil and suffering?
- What did you learn about God's perspective on suffering and evil?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

POINT IT OUT!

- Habakkuk 1:2,
- Romans 12:15,
- Hebrews 6:18,
- Genesis 50:20,
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-28,
- 1 Corinthians 15:55

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "IF GOD, WHY EVIL", write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

- Simple
- Measurable
- Appropriate
- Realistic
- Time-bound

"I will _____

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for people you know who are struggling to understand the love and goodness of God, or His existence because of their painful life experiences. Be the hands and feet of Jesus to them, reflecting the reality that He is "God with us" not only in the good days, but more so in the most difficult times, be there for them. Be known for your love for your family, friends, church family, etc. so that even skeptics, agnostics and atheists will see evidence of a transformed life because of Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 13:35

³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.