



WHAT ABOUT...?

SERMON SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

...WHEN
BAD HAPPEN **GOOD**
THINGS TO **PEOPLE**

ISAIAH 55:6-12

**Where is God
in all of this suffering?**

***All people experience the
consequences of living
in a fallen world.***

We are not alone in pain & suffering

David “How long Lord, will you forget me forever?”

Job Asked for a full explanation from God.

Paul Was imprisoned, flogged, beaten, and stoned.

Jesus Was made perfect in His suffering (for us).

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9

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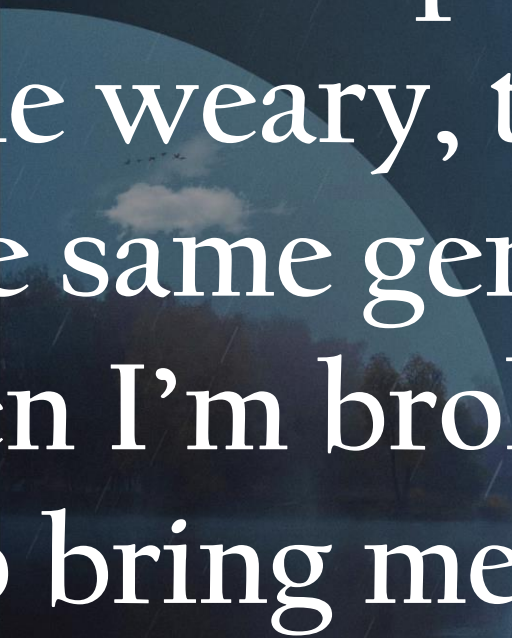
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The very same God that spins things
in orbit runs to the weary, the worn,
and the weak. The same gentle hands
that hold me when I'm broken, they
conquer death to bring me victory.

I know that my Redeemer lives.
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

“Redeemer” by Nicole C. Mullen

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Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-3

Now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith, of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire, may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter 1:6-7

*“God can use our pain to
deepen our worship, deepen
our fellowship, and build
purpose in our lives...*

*Your greatest ministry will
most likely come out of your
deepest hurt if you will be
honest with God, yourself,
and others to share it.”*

- Pastor Rick Warren



In our suffering, God is present!

*Suffering can refine us,
shape our character, develop our trust,
and draw us closer to God.*

*Suffering also increases our compassion
for others who are suffering.*

***Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.”***

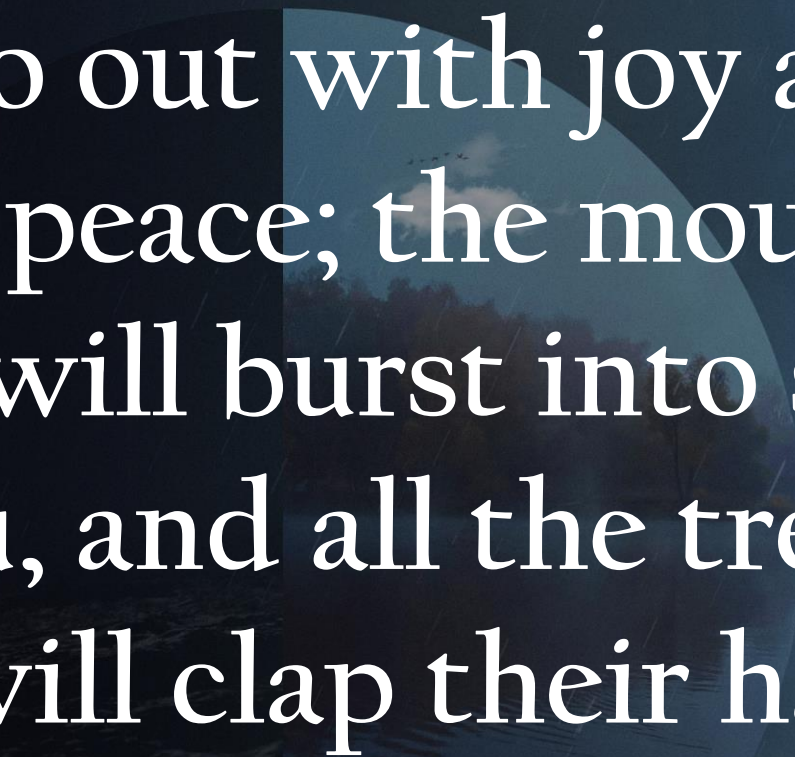
Isaiah 55:6

***“In this world you will have trouble. But take
heart! I have overcome the world.”***

Jesus to the disciples in John 16:33

Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:3-4



You shall go out with joy and be
led forth in peace; the mountains
and hills will burst into song
before you, and all the trees of
the field will clap their hands.

Isaiah 55:12