

# Does GOD Really Care?

(Part 2b)

Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?



# I. Why This Message On This Day?

Mathew 13:22

22 - He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

★ Even After Seeing Jesus Resurrected, Some Chose To Focus On His Death.

Matthew 28:17 (ESV)

17 - And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

**Tough things happen to us  
when God is trying to reach  
through us to get to  
somebody else.**

2 Corinthians 1:3&4 (AMP)

3 - Blessed [gratefully praised and adored] be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,

4 - who comforts *and*  
encourages us in every trouble  
so that we will be able to comfort  
*and* encourage those who are in  
any kind of trouble, with the  
comfort with which we ourselves  
are comforted by God.

4. When difficulties are approached correctly they produce the US we were always intended to be.

James 1:2-4 (AMP)

2 - Consider it nothing but joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials.

3 - Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace].

4 - And let endurance have its perfect result *and* do a thorough work, so that you may be perfect and completely developed [in your faith], lacking in nothing.

### 3. It Is preparation for future leadership

For example, when Joseph served Potiphar, he learned to be a manager; when Joseph was betrayed and abused, he learned firsthand the value of justice and mercy.

2. Sometimes bad things happen because of our association with others who are involved in sin.

II Samuel 21:1 (NLT)

21 There was a famine during David's reign that lasted for three years, so David asked the Lord about it. And the Lord said,

**“The famine has come because Saul and his family are guilty of murdering the Gibeonites.”**

1. To change your direction

Proverbs 20:30 (GNT)

30 - Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.

1 Peter 4:12&13 (MSG)

12-13 Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.

**John 16:33: "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."**

