

# Believe

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Week 2

Is God Good?

# Question

We agree that there is only One Triune God, so why does the Creator of everything care about us?

Even David himself asks this:

Psalm 8: 3-6

The Answer-God Loves Us!!!

Ephesians 2:10

# Question

Is God near or far away?

The Psalmist answers this:

Psalm 121: 3-8

# Question

Does God have a plan for you?

The Psalmist answers this:

Psalm 139: 16

More proof:

Philippians 1: 6

Romans 8: 28

# Question

Do you know what God's plan is for you?

Isaiah 55: 8-9

# The Man who was told the plan

Genesis 37: 1-11

Genesis 37: 12-28

What would you think of your dream if you were in Joseph's shoes?

The Man who was told the plan  
Genesis 39: 2-6

What would you think about your  
dream now if you were in Joseph's  
shoes?

Genesis 39: 7-20

What would you think of your dream if  
you were in Joseph's shoes?

The Man who was told the plan  
Genesis 39: 21-23

What do we learn about God in this  
passage?

Can you spot the hidden hand  
of God in Joseph's life?

Genesis 40: 1-4

Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt.

Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, and put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them.

# Question

*The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph-* Who was the captain of the guard?

Genesis 39: 1

Do you see what God did?

Listen closely to each of these passages as we read them.

- Philippians 4: 6-7
- 1 Peter 5: 6-7
- John 14: 27
- Psalm 34: 17-19
- Isaiah 40: 31
- Deuteronomy 31: 6
- Psalm 112: 6-8
- Romans 8: 31-32
- Isaiah 41: 10
- Psalm 86: 15
- Romans 8: 38-39

# Question

If God is good and cares about us,  
why is there so much pain and  
suffering in the world?

# God's desire for creation

Genesis 1: 31

Who suffered the first pain?

Genesis 3: 8

The first pain felt on God's creation was rejection felt by God because of our sin.

Death isn't a natural part of God's world; it's actually an intruder and an enemy

- 1 Corinthians 15:26

It is because of Adam's sin that we suffer from death

- Romans 5:12

In fact, because of sin the whole world is broken

- Romans 8:22

God isn't responsible for the death, suffering, pain, disease, and brokenness we see around us. We are responsible for it because of our sin. The "problem of pain" doesn't rest on God, it rests squarely on the shoulders of sinful mankind in rebellion against their Creator.

God knows we brought his on ourselves, but in his love He provides a way out:

John 16: 33

John 3: 16

Revelation 21: 4

# Question

How does believing that God cares about you and knowing He is near and is involved in your life and has a plan for you affect the way you live?

# Question

How have you experienced God in a personal way?