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Why Does God Allow Suffering?
John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Five things I should understand about suffering:

1. God is not _____

God saw all that he had made and it was very good. Gen. 1:31

We know the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Romans 8:22

2. Suffering isn't good _____

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 Cor. 7:10

We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, character; and character, hope. Rom. 5:3

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Rom. 8:28

3. Suffering is present today _____

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 21:4

4. Suffering will pale in comparison _____

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 2 Cor. 4:17

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. Rom. 8:18

5. Suffering leaves me with a choice: _____
