

# F A Q

## “Questions about Suffering”

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Romans 8:28 (ESV)

### LG STUDY

#### QUICK REVIEW

God is infinitely good and all-powerful even in the midst of suffering.

#### MY STORY

1. Does the existence of suffering affect your view of God’s goodness? If so, then how? If not, then why not?
2. There are some who believe that if God is entirely good and all-powerful, then God should prevent suffering. What is your response to that? How has your view personally affected your relationship with God?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. According to Romans 8:28, God makes all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Read the Bible passages and determine what good God can accomplish through your suffering.

- Proverbs 20:30
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-11
- Deuteronomy 8:1-2
- Hebrews 12:7-11

• 2 Corinthians 12:7

• James 1:2-4

• Romans 5:3-4

#### BRINGING IT HOME

1. Reflect on a hardship that you are presently experiencing (or one from the past) and the good that God seeks to accomplish through it. From among the following questions, answer two or three that most apply to you:

- What new direction is this problem leading me to take?
- What does this problem reveal about me?
- What is this problem teaching me to correct?
- How is this problem protecting me? What is being prevented?
- How can I grow from this problem ?

2. Take lots of time to pray together, thanking God for the good that he is accomplishing in you through the pain of suffering.

3. Please share your Life Journal or devotional.

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