

# Faith Challenge: Evil, Pain, & Suffering

- Deuteronomy 29:29
- Isaiah 55:8
- Jesus

# Biblical Worldview

- Four types of Evil/Pain/Suffering
  - The Suffering as a Result of Genesis 3
  - The Suffering at the Hands of Others
  - The Suffering of Mystery
  - The Suffering We bring on Ourselves

# Biblical Worldview

- Genesis 2:17
- “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

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- Genesis 3:16
- “To the woman he said, ‘I will surely multiply your pain in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.’”

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- Genesis 3:17c,19

- “...cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life...19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

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- Romans 5:12
- “Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.”

# The Suffering of Genesis 3 & Romans 12

- The NT alludes to the one who “warped” this world = Satan
- F. Lagard Smith speaks of Satan warping God’s creation by using humanity’s ability to choose & using temptation/sin to introduce brokenness & fallenness



# NT Passages

- Mark 3:22-30 (Read)
- Luke 10:17-20 (Read)
- Ephesians 2:1-2
- Ephesians 6:10-12
- Colossians 2:15

- To alleviate suffering from natural causes, disasters, diseases, etc. God must do two things:
  - Short-Term
    - Suspend Natural Law
  - Long-Term
    - End Everything

# What Do We Learn?

- According to Genesis 1-2, Evil/Pain/Suffering was not God's Plan for Humanity
- Satan & Sin broke Everything



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# The Suffering at the Hands of Others

- Joseph suffered at the hands of others 3 separate times
  - His brothers
  - Potiphar's Wife
  - The Cupbearer
- Why did they bring so much suffering to Joseph?
  - Jealousy/Embarrassment/Forgot

# The Suffering at the Hands of Others

- Jeremiah suffered at the hands of people
  - Priests (i.e. Pashur)
  - False Prophets
  - People
- Why did they bring suffering to Jeremiah?
  - Jeremiah preached

# Suffering at the Hands of Others

- 1 Peter 2:21-22 (Suffering at the hands of others through mockery, being reviled, etc.)
- 1 Peter 3:13-15 (Suffering at the hands of others for living godly and good lives)
- 1 Peter 4:1-4 (Suffering at the hands of others through their lack of understanding)



# Suffering at the Hands of Others

- Why do others bring suffering:
- Matthew 15:10-20 (The human heart)
- Romans 3:9-18 (Human mind, words, & actions)
- Colossians 3:5-9 (Humanity is earthly minded)

# Suffering at the Hands of Others

- To stop suffering that comes from others God has one option:
- Take Away Free Will

# What do We Learn?

- God will not violate man's free will
- Jesus suffered at the hands of others
- Trust in God
- Entrust Yourself to God
- Develop Endurance
- Encourage One Another