

The Devil's Sneaky Plot to Accuse God in Your Mind

It's a question I frequently hear. It's one I've asked. And maybe it's one you've asked, too. It's, "God, why did You give this to me?" *This* can be any number of issues from emotional or psychological struggles, to symptoms or sicknesses, disabilities or disasters. When we struggle for so long, the tendency is to eventually blame God, which is exactly what the enemy wants.

The devil's goal with a question like this is to take himself out of the limelight in order to make God seem to be the author of all evil. He does this to erode your confidence in God's goodness, and ultimately, your relationship and intimacy with Him. If the enemy can influence you to believe your struggles mean that God isn't good, He's mad at you or He unfairly selected you to suffer, then you'll naturally hold yourself at a distance from the Father.

The Truth About Your Struggles

The truth about your struggle is that God didn't set it in motion; He's upset about it, too. It's definitely not what He wants for you but is a result of something gone wrong.

As I illustrate in my book, *Activating the Power of God's Word*, if you pass by a junkyard filled with wrecked vehicles, you'd never ask, "Why did the manufacturer create the vehicle in that condition?" No, it's obvious something happened that put the vehicle in that state.

It's the same with creation.

The Bible teaches the fall of humankind at the beginning brought disease, destruction and death into what God originally created as perfect. In other words, what we see

today is not what God intended, but the results of a reckless driver named Satan and a visual impairment called sin.

Accordingly, the issues you and I face today—whether biological, psychological or the product of environment—are each one of many aspects of life that aren't the way they're supposed to be. These aren't necessarily because of any choice of your own, and definitely not because God is picking on you, but because of a fallen creation.

How God Uses Your Pain

In whatever you face today, God wants to assure you that He loves you and He's in this with you. He promises to never leave you nor forsake you, and to provide you strength in this weakness.

Whatever your pain, struggle, disability or trial, know that while God didn't give it to you, He will use it to make you stronger, to build your character and to demonstrate His power. Even though you didn't choose it, you do have a choice to make. Determine nothing will make you a victim, but you'll use whatever it is to make the devil regret the day he ever messed with you.

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