



## Further Study

Today we begin a new three part series entitled, "Why"? In today's message, we will examine the question of "Why Me - Trusting God When Life Doesn't Make Sense". Why questions have plague Christians and non Christians alike and has made sleepless nights seem like eternity. Often, when we think that God did not respond to our emergencies fast enough; when He didn't answer our prayers soon enough, or when the miracle doesn't come at all, we find ourselves asking, why? As humans, we are prone to ask why questions because we believe everything in life is suppose to make perfect sense to us. Therefore, we want logical answers to logical questions. Unfortunately, life doesn't work like that at all. Would things really be better and would we be better off if God answered all of our why questions? Probably not. A better question for us to ask may be "how" questions. Try this for example. God, how can I trust you more during times like this? How can I rely upon you, How can I trust you more so I can ask why less?

The reason we ask "why" so often is because of what we have read in Scripture. We read things like Psalm 34:6, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles". Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness". Mark 11:23, "For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith". Did God not say all of these things? Of course He did. Are they not true? Yes they are. The problem is that when God doesn't respond to us exactly like He did in these Scriptures, we think we have either done something wrong or God doesn't love us as much as He loves others. That is simply human nature to say or think such things. The fact is that God can be trusted even when life doesn't make sense.

### WHY QUESTIONS ARE NOT NECESSARILY WRONG QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Jesus Christ asked why (Psalm 22:1-5).
2. David asked why (Psalm 35:17; Psalm 13:1-6 Amplified).
3. Asaph asked why (Psalm 74:10-11).
4. The Psalmist asked why (Psalm 94:3-7).

When trouble comes our way, we must understand that it has two sources:

1. Self-Inflicted trouble - Things within our control.
2. Trouble from Without - Things beyond our control.

**WARNING:** Although it is not a sin to ask "why" questions of God. We must understand there are dangers in asking "why" questions. They are:

1. It may lead to an unhealthy attitude about God. This also causes people to embrace bad or unscriptural theology concerning God. Unscriptural theology includes believing that we deserve to be blessed; doing God's will always keep us from harm; good people never get sick and die; God's will is to heal everyone; and a multitude of other false doctrines.
2. It may cause us to believe that God has forsaken us.
3. It may cause us to believe that God can't be trusted with our lives.

## LIFE WAS NEVER DESIGNED OR INTENDED TO MAKE SENSE ALL THE TIME:

1. Ask Noah: It had never rained.
2. Ask the Wedding party at Cana of Galilee. It was insulting to serve water at a wedding.
3. Ask Israel as they were walking around Jericho in silence to defeat the city.
4. Ask Hosea who married a prostitute whom he knew would be unfaithful to him.
5. Ask Israel when they did what God had told them to do while captives in Egypt. Pharaoh then became angry and increased their burden.
6. Ask the man born blind in John 9 when God put mud in his eyes.
7. Ask Habakkuk when it seemed like God was actually helping the enemies of Israel.

The fact is that God doesn't always make sense to us in a logical way. He said the way to become rich was to give away what you have; the way to be first is to be last; the way to save your life is to lose it; the way to live is to die.

## HOW TO KEEP FROM BECOMING A VICTIM RATHER THAN A VICTOR:

The word "believeth" in John 3:16 is one of the most powerful words in all the Bible. It literally means, "To trust in, to rely upon, and to cling to" Jesus Christ. Read the following verses of Scripture for added support:

"Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusted in thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed" (Psalm 37:5).

- Trusting in God will keep your focus on God, not on yourself.
- Trusting in God will keep your focus on God's love and care for you, not on yourself.

"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6-7).

## CONCLUSION/APPLICATION:

God always does right even when it doesn't look like He is doing right.