

PAIN: JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS

Genesis 50:20

#1 Question: Why does God allow/permit suffering?

FALSE ASSUMPTIONS

1. We have the capability to understand God!
Is. 55:8
2. Suffering “negates” the reality of God!
3. All suffering comes from God!

TRUE REALITIES

1. Suffering is unavoidable.
Matthew 5:45 – Rain falls on the just and unjust.
2. All sin results in suffering.
Romans 6:23 – The wages of sin is death.
Matthew 7:13 – Broad is the road that leads to destruction.
3. Not all suffering is a result of sin. Jn. 9:1-3
4. Suffering at times is inexplicable.

REVEALED BLESSINGS

1. Reflection of God’s goodness. Luke 17:11-19
2. God uses you to bless others. II Cor. 1:4
3. How God matures us. James 1:2-4
4. Unlocks sufficient resources through Jesus that enable us to face our challenges.
II Cor. 12:7-9
5. Teaches us to appreciate what Jesus endured for us on the cross. Phil. 3:10
6. Gives us a yearning for Heaven. Rev. 21:4, 11-27
7. Ultimate reminder of our need for a Savior who will one day “make all things new.”
Matthew 19:28, II Cor. 4:8-12

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