



# MESSAGE NOTES

## Why a Loving God Allows Suffering

Genesis 50:20 Romans 8:28

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### 1. The cause of suffering

Suffering doesn't come from God. There was no suffering in the world God created and there will be no suffering in the new world which He will establish. The reason why there is suffering in the world is because man choose to reject God and to follow Satan. So all suffering comes from human free will, a cursed earth or demonic activity. But God is sovereign over it all, God is in complete control.

***Matthew 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father s will.***

### 2. For our good

God allows suffering for our good. Not everything that happens in life is good but God works it all together for our good. Just like surgery is painful, but if that surgery saves your life you wouldn't say the doctor was a bad man. God is good all the time. And sometimes He allows pain for our greater good.

***Luke 22:31-32 Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."***

God knows the limit for each and every one of us and He will not allow us to be tested beyond what we can bear. Then, when we are strengthened and matured, He uses us to bless those around us.

### 3. For His glory

We glorify God when we show His goodness to those around us. And the greatest testimony to the people around you isn't how you act when everything is going well in your life, it's how you act in the midst of your troubles.

***Romans 8:37 In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.***

When people see you suffering more than them yet more peaceful, more content and more joyful than them - that's the greatest testimony you can give to the goodness and the love of God.