

Make Our Darkness Bright

Do you hear...God is calling!

Why do we suffer? Why does God allow suffering in our world?

These are questions we all ask, we've been asking these questions and expecting the perfect answer that will satisfy us...but the answer never seems to come. We all at some point in our lives, question why God allows His children to suffer so much, if He truly loves us.

“All the world is full of suffering. It is also full of overcoming.” Helen Keller

First we must understand that God doesn't want to see us suffer; God does not will suffering. When we suffer, so does God; when we hurt, so does God. When we cry...God cries too. Suffering is a part of our lives, there's no other way to say it, no better explanation. We all suffer; it's not fair; it's not right and it's not easy. We will never know on this earth, why it is that we suffer. Rather than trying to explain suffering or blame God for it, we should use our time and energy to comfort those who are suffering.

“...God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

Why is it that it takes suffering to bring people together? People across the world, when devastated by natural disasters, somehow become close friends in an instant. It shouldn't take suffering to bring us together, but it does.

**“...return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning.”
Joel 2:12**

When we unite our suffering to God's suffering, we are not just uniting ourselves to Jesus on the cross, but God's daily suffering, when He sees His children in pain, and hears their cries of sorrow. God suffers daily, for His children are hurting every day.

“Come and make our darkness bright”

God is calling you to make bright the darkness of others; this is how God works through us. He uses our gifts and talents to reach out to those in need, each in his or her own unique way. God's love knows no boundaries; it heals the greatest hurt and strengthens the greatest weakness. But remember it's only possible through you. Give yourself to God and God will make perfect His love in you!

God of mercy,

*create in me, the will to shine Your light
into the darkness of night.*

*Inspire my heart to hold Your love,
and hold Your children close to that love.
May my life reflect the light of Your love,
and make it known on earth and in heaven.*

*A beacon of hope create in me,
a light for all to see, a comfort for all to know,
and a fire so that the world may grow.*

Amen