

## ASKING GOD ABOUT SUFFERING

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[Jesus] "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows." —**John 16:33b** NLT

### 1 Corinthians 13:12

**Q #1:** *God, "Are You the source of suffering?"*

**GOD:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Genesis 1:31**

#### *Two kinds of evil:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ evil **Romans 3:23**
- \_\_\_\_\_ evil **Romans 8:22**

**Q #2:** *God, "If You are all powerful, doesn't that mean You allow suffering?"*

**GOD:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Job 42:1-3**

**Gunner Payne:** "Lord, I don't understand, but I trust you."

**Q #3:** *God, "Are there some things that we can know in part about why You allow suffering?"*

**GOD:** "Yes. To \_\_\_\_\_ in at least three ways..."

1. "I allow suffering to \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ."  
**2 Corinthians 7:10**

2. "I allow suffering to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_."

**Romans 5:3**

3. "I allow suffering to accomplish something \_\_\_\_\_ out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of life."

**Romans 8:28**

**Q #4:** *God, "Will You ever remove all suffering?"*

**GOD:** " \_\_\_\_\_ The day is coming when suffering will \_\_\_\_\_ and evil will be \_\_\_\_\_."

**2 Peter 3:9**

**Q #5:** *God, "How should I respond to suffering?"*

**GOD:** "Remember Gunner Payne's prayer! And remember that your suffering will \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to what I have planned for your future!"

**1 Peter 4:12-13**

**Romans 8:18**

**Psalms 34:18**