

**CAN GOD BE
RIGHT WHEN LIFE
GOES WRONG?
CASE STUDY:
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We Would Have Never Known

*If we allow him, God will reveal himself in ways that could
have never been known outside our suffering.*

The Bible passage this morning is...

Genesis 39.1-23

Are you living in the 'horizontal' or the 'vertical.' Which is more comfortable? Which is more revealing?

The elements of the "Perplexing Triangle" are that we say that God is GOOD and God is POWERFUL and yet EVIL EXISTS.

The fundamental question is WHO is all this about?

What does 'love' mean in our culture?

Is our culture's definition of love God's definition of love?

Are we the ultimate object of love in the universe? If you answered 'yes,' how does this view of love affect your view of suffering?

The Bible says it's really all about God's GLORY.

Glory is to give WEIGHT to something—to emphasize it by giving it (or him/her) time, attention, treasure.

Why did Jesus say the man in John 9 was born blind?

Name some attributes about God that can only be revealed in our suffering:

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Is the idea of 'no pain, no gain' new to us?

What's the rub when we suffer outside our choosing?

Quotes for the fridge:

John Piper: *The love of God is not God's making much of us, but God's saving us from self-centeredness so that we can enjoy making much of him forever.*

Tony Snow:
No matter where we are, no matter what we do, no matter how bleak or frightening our prospects, each and every one of us, each and every day, lies in the same safe and impregnable place—in the hollow of God's hand.

Selected Resources:

C.S. Lewis, [The Problem of Pain](#);
Chris Tiegreen: [Why a Suffering World Makes Sense](#).