

Why God Doesn't Spoil Us

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Tests of faith today

Countless natural disasters, Covid, War in Ukraine.

How could God exist with all of these disasters is a question I often used to ask myself. Why doesn't he stop tragedies from happening?

In my mind, the answer to this seemingly impossible question is that we never would be able to have a good time without bad, if nothing bad ever happened then we couldn't be grateful for the good times.

But life is a journey filled with ups and downs, and we often find ourselves wondering why bad things happen to us. We question the fairness of it all, and we wonder if there is any purpose or meaning to our struggles.

But I want to suggest to you today that bad things need to happen in order for us to truly appreciate the good things in life. It is in the midst of our struggles and hardships that we are able to find strength, courage, and resilience.

Think about it: without the darkness, we would never appreciate the light. Without sadness, we would never appreciate joy. Without pain, we would never appreciate comfort. It is through our struggles that we are able to grow and develop as human beings.

In the Bible, we see numerous examples of individuals who went through difficult times before they were able to experience good things. Take Joseph, for instance. He was sold into slavery by his own brothers and endured years of hardship and imprisonment. But in the end, he was able to forgive his brothers and rise to a position of power and influence in Egypt. His struggles allowed him to appreciate the good things that came later in his life.

Similarly, the apostle Paul went through numerous trials and hardships before he was able to experience the joy and fulfillment of his ministry. He wrote in his letter to the Romans, "We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4).

Let us not lose heart in the face of adversity. Let us trust that our struggles have a purpose and that good things will come in due time. Let us look to the examples of those who have gone before us and found strength in the midst of their trials. And let us remember that it is through our struggles that we are able to grow, develop, and ultimately experience the good things that life has to offer.

We live in a world that is not always fair, and bad things can happen to good people for no apparent reason. It can be challenging to understand why we have to face difficulties and hardships in life, and it's easy to become discouraged or disillusioned.

However, it's important to remember that our struggles have the potential to shape us into the people we were meant to be. When we face adversity, we are forced to confront our weaknesses, confront our fears, and dig deep within ourselves to find the strength and resilience to overcome our challenges.

Think of a seed that is planted in the ground. In order to grow into a healthy plant, that seed needs to be exposed to certain conditions. It needs water, sunlight, and nutrients, but it also needs to be subjected to stress in order to strengthen its roots and prepare it for the harsh realities of the outside world. Similarly, we need to face difficult situations and overcome obstacles in order to grow and develop as individuals.

The reality is that life is not always easy, and God shouldn't spoil us. As it's through our struggles that we are able to find meaning, purpose, and fulfillment. We learn to appreciate the good things in life when we have experienced the bad, and we become more empathetic and compassionate towards others who are going through similar struggles.

In the Bible, we see countless examples of individuals who went through difficult times before experiencing a breakthrough. Consider the story of Moses, who spent years as a shepherd in the wilderness before God called him to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Or the story of David, who spent years hiding in caves and fighting battles before he became king of Israel. These individuals learned to trust in God and rely on His strength in the midst of their struggles, and as a result, they were able to experience incredible victories and blessings.

So my dear friends, if you are going through a difficult time right now, know that you are not alone. Remember that your struggles have a purpose and that they

can ultimately lead to growth, development, and a deeper understanding of yourself and the world around you. Lean on God, and trust in His plan for your life. And never lose hope.