

But Why?

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We know that God is...

1) God is Good.

The LORD is just!.... There is no evil in him!

Psalm 92:15 (New Living Translation 2)

2) God is Righteous.

God is an honest judge. He is angry with the wicked.... If a person does not repent, God will sharpen his sword; he will bend and string his bow.

Psalm 7:11-12 (NLT2)

3) God is Sovereign. (in control of all things)

The decision is wholly of the Lord [even the events that seem accidental are really ordered by Him].

Proverbs 16:33 (The Amplified Bible Classic Edition)

We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT2)

How can I allow God to bring good from suffering?

1) Suffering makes us compassionate.

(God) comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:4-5 (NLT2)

We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

Romans 5:3-4 (NLT2)

2) Suffering builds endurance.

3) Suffering develops character.

4) Suffering strengthens hope.

We think you ought to know.... about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NLT2)

Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NLT2)