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Sermon: The Problem of Evil Part 2

The Case For Faith

Objection #4 God Isn't Worthy of Worship If He Kills Innocent Children (P.122)

It's a typical weekday morning when you hear the news that a massive terrorist attack has taken place. The media reports that dozens of innocent victims have lost their lives. Men, women, and children are gunned down by people wanting to commit acts of evil and cause suffering. In one of the reports, an interviewee asks, "If God exists, why did He allow this to take place?"

How would you respond to that person?

What are some instances of evil or suffering that you have witnessed?

Have you ever struggled with belief in God because of the existence of evil and suffering? If so, why?

Atheists try to use the existence of pain, evil, and suffering as an argument that God doesn't exist. Do you think that is possible?

What might be some good reasons for God to allow evil and suffering to take place in our world?

- Read 2 Corinthians 11:24-28.

Why do you think Paul endured a life of such hardships?

What role do you think his faith played in being able to endure such suffering?

In his book *No Easy Answers*, William Lane Craig tells the story of three men standing before God's throne on judgement day:

“Each had a score to settle with God. “I was hanged for a crime I didn't commit,” complained one man bitterly. “I died from a disease that dragged on for months, leaving me broken in body and spirit,” said another. “My son was killed when a drunk driver jumped the curb and ran over him,” muttered the third. Each was angry and anxious to give God a piece of his mind. But when they reached the throne and saw their judge with His nail-scarred hands and feet and His wounded side, a “man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,” each mouth was stopped.”

These men were silenced by the reality that Jesus Christ bore our sins on the cross.

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