

# I Want To Believe, But

## Week 3 – Heartless God

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Previous weeks we spoke about how so many people want to believe in God but there is some kind of hurdle or obstacle in their way. We have spoken about how so many people are rejecting God, but not the true God (who He really is), but rather a distorted image of who God is.

Week 1 – On Demand God – God must do what I want, when I want. That God doesn't exist.

Week 2 – Killjoy God – just too many rules. Religion complicates what God made so easy.

Today we are dealing with a Heartless God. I want to believe in God but He doesn't seem to care.

How often have you asked:

- **Why is God allowing this to happen?**
- **If God can do something – Why doesn't He?**

It is impossible to answer all your questions – but we can look to the One who one day will!

Here are two big thoughts to remember when God doesn't seem fair.

### **GOD ALWAYS HAS A PURPOSE IN YOUR PAIN**

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Someone has let you down, someone has taken advantage of you. Life doesn't go the way you want it to.

God always has a purpose in the difficult times.

*There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world*

**1 Peter 1:6-7**

God doesn't cause the pain but He can use the pain.

God has a purpose in your pain – God's timing is perfect. Often it is inconvenient – doesn't happen the way we would want it because we don't know what the purpose is.

## GOD IS ALWAYS PRESENT IN YOUR PAIN

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*God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.*

Psalm 46:1

**So often we want God to give us what we want**

**God wants to show us that HE is what we NEED**

One of the best examples is the Apostle Paul

*And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."*

2 Corinthians 12:9

Paul then writes

*Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.."*

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Don't always look at the Instagram moment – Snapshot. In the moment you won't get it. But looking back over a 10 year period you will see exactly where God has been, **with you!**

So many people still ask:

- Why do bad things happen to good people?

Not many ask:

- Why do good things happen to bad people?

God is not always fair, but He is always just, but He is not fair.

If He was fair – you would get what your sins deserve – **Psalm 103:10-12**

## THINK IT OVER

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Don't think of your pain from your perspective. Think about it from our God who loves us. Who has a purpose in your pain and who is always present in your pain.

He did something that wasn't fair. He sent His Son for you.

Our God is not a heartless God. Our God doesn't even just love you. He is love. It's not what He does, it's who He is.