

# Everything happens for a reason

## THINGS GOD NEVER SAID

Romans 8:28 (KJV) *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28 (NLT) *And 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 (NIV) *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Distinguish between what God \_\_\_\_\_ and what He \_\_\_\_\_,  
between what He \_\_\_\_\_ and what He \_\_\_\_\_.  
Genesis 3:12 *The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."*

## What is the reason this happened?

\_\_\_\_\_ wounds

\_\_\_\_\_ world

Romans 8:19-22 *For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. 22 For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*

\_\_\_\_\_ choices

Proverbs 19:2-3 *Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes. 3 People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord.*

# Potentially harmful results

Unjustified \_\_\_\_\_ at God

Making \_\_\_\_\_ of sin

Romans 8:28 (NIV) *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

John 14:15 *If you love me, obey my commandments.*

Romans 1:6-7 *And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. 7 I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people.*

Embracing \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 22:3 *A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.*

Misplaced \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 2:12-13 *If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. 13 If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.*

If we believe that God directly orchestrates everything for an ultimately good \_\_\_\_\_, we will spend a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_ for that purpose.

When bad things happen, look for the path of \_\_\_\_\_.

When bad things happen, receive poor words with \_\_\_\_\_.

When bad things happen, be \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 12:13-16 *When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. 15 Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!*