

Hardship – Why is This Happening to Me?

Genesis 50:19-21

(Part 1 – When Life Throws You for a Loop)

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I. Possible Explanations

#1. Because this _____ is not _____

POINT: _____ things happen to _____ people

“In this world, you will have trouble.” John 16:33 (NIV)

“Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.” Gen. 3:17 (NIV)

#2. Because _____ have _____

POINT: _____ can _____ to do _____ things

*“The LORD observed the extent of the people’s wickedness, and He saw that all their thoughts were consistently and totally evil.”
Genesis 6:5 (NLT)*

#3. Because of _____

POINT: God’s _____ is _____ people

“We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us – they help us learn to endure. And endurance develops strength of character...” Rom. 5:3-4 (NLT)

II. Dangerous Explanations

#1. _____

#2. _____

#3. _____

III. What To Do

#1. _____ trying to answer _____

**→ We have to _____ of _____ so
we can _____ God with it.**

*“Then Job replied to the LORD: ‘I know that you can do anything and no one can stop you. You ask, ‘Who is this that questions My wisdom with such ignorance?’ It is I. And I was talking about things I did not understand, things far too wonderful for me.”
Job 42:1-3 (NLT)*

#2. Remember _____ is always _____

**→ When God exercises His _____,
_____ will always _____ of it.**

“We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Rom. 8:28 (NAS)

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.” Psalm 46:1-2 (NIV)

#3. Lean on _____

→ This is what the _____ is to be about

*“Let us be concerned about one another...not staying away from our meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other.”
Hebrews 10:24-25 (HCSB)*