

I Want to
BELIEVE
BUT...

“The Heartless God ”

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How do you believe in a God who doesn't seem to care?

When God Doesn't Seem Fair

1. GOD HAS A _____ IN YOUR PAIN.

...There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.⁷ 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 NLT

God doesn't always cause the _____—God can always _____ it!

2. GOD IS _____ IN YOUR PAIN.

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”
- Psalm 46:1*

We want God to give us what we _____

God wants to show us he is what we _____

“But [God] said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness...” - 2 Corinthians 12:9

*“...Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 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*

God is not always _____—He's _____ but he's not always fair.
Because if he was fair—I'd get what my sins _____

“[God] does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” - Psalm 103:10-12

Think of our pain from _____ perspective.
Think about it from the perspective of our Heavenly Father,
who loves us!

Memory verse: *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” - Psalm 46:1*

(Purpose, Pain, Use, Present, Want, Need, Fair, Just, Deserve, Our)

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize Psalm 46:1
- Have you ever asked God, "How could You let this happen?" What life events led to your question?
- "God doesn't always cause the pain, but God can always use it." How have you seen this play out?
- Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. What difficulties can you begin to view from this Scripture's perspective?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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