



New Hampton Community Church

Message Notes ~ Sunday February 9, 2025

“How can a good God allow suffering?”

Questions for God ~ week 5

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

➤ Your Choices : have _____

God created men and women with _____, _____ them to express _____ and _____

➤ We can't truly _____, without having the _____
to choose _____ to love

“For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay.” Romans 8:19–21 NLT

➤ Though _____ is _____,
_____ can and _____ to accomplish _____

➤ God can use _____ to _____ His children

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” Romans 5:3–4

“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.” Romans 8:28

➤ God can use _____ circumstances to bring about _____

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives” Genesis 50:20 NIV

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

➤ The day is coming when _____ will _____
and _____ will be _____

➤ Present suffering _____ in _____,
to the good _____ has in _____ for _____

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all” 2 Corinthians 4:17

“I (Paul) consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us” Romans 8:18

*“In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the world”* John 16:33

➤ You decide whether _____ is going to make you _____
or make you _____

God promises to walk with you in _____ ... if ...you _____
Psalm 34:18 Isaiah 42:5–6 John 16:33, Psalm 23:4, Matthew 28:20

Questions to ponder, pray on and discuss;

1. Were did people get the idea life should be problem free?
2. Response to sadness and suffering clarifies what you truly worship.
3. How do you respond when asked; “How can a good God allow suffering?”
4. Scripture to read and pray over:

John 16:33 Psalm 23:4 Isaiah 42:5-6 2 Peter 3:9