

When Life Falls Apart

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If you could ask God **One Question** and you know **God would really answer you...** What would you **ASK?** **George Barna** asked a **Cross Section of Adults** that question.

#1 Response was I'd ask God, **"WHY THERE IS SO MUCH PAIN AND SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?"**

LIFE IS HARD, BUT GOD IS GOOD

01: _____ things happen to _____ people.

👉 Job 1:1-8 ((new living translation))

👉 Matthew 5:45 ((contemporary english version))
((**BAD THINGS DO HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE**))

02: _____ bad occurs
_____ God's permission.

👉 Job 1:8-12 ((new living translation))

But here's another important lesson **"NOTHING WILL TOUCH YOU THAT GOD DOES NOT ALLOW"**.

IF YOU ARE **SUFFERING** // IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT...

(01) God is _____ with you.

(02) There is _____ in your life.

(03) God is _____ your family.

JOB 1:1-8 ((NEW LIVING TRANSLATION))

Prologue

1 There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. **2** He had seven sons and three daughters. **3** He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He also had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area. **4** Job's sons would take turns preparing feasts in their homes, and they would also invite their three sisters to celebrate with them. **5** When these celebrations ended—sometimes after several days—Job would purify his children. He would get up early in the morning and offer a burnt offering for each of them. For Job said to himself, "Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular practice.

Job's First Test

6 One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the LORD, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them. **7** "Where have you come from?" the LORD asked Satan. Satan answered the LORD, "I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that's going on."

8 Then the LORD asked Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil."

MATTHEW 5:45 ((CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION))

45 Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. And he sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong.

JOB 1:8-12 ((NEW LIVING TRANSLATION))

8 Then the LORD asked Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil." **9** Satan replied to the LORD, "Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God. **10** You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! **11** But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!" **12** "All right, you may test him," the LORD said to Satan. "Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don't harm him physically." So Satan left the LORD's presence.

((E X T R A N O T E S))

YOU SAY // BUT WHY DOES GOD ALLOW ANY
SUFFERING // AT ALL // I WANT IT SMOOTH...

(01) God permits suffering to _____ us.

(02) God permits suffering to
_____ others.

(03) God permits suffering to _____ us.

(04) God permits suffering so we
_____ what Jesus did for us.

03: The _____ to _____ is worship.

👉 Job 1:13-20 ((*new living translation*))

👉 Job 1:20-22 ((*new century version*))

04: Your _____

are not _____.

👉 Job 13:15 ((*the message*))

Note: You can look up the verses in the translation at biblegateway.com
((EXTRA NOTES))

JOB 1:13-20 ((NEW LIVING TRANSLATION))

13 One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother's house, **14** a messenger arrived at Job's home with this news: "Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, **15** when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." **16** While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." **17** While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: "Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." **18** While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother's home. **19** Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." **20** Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship.

JOB 1:20-22 ((NEW CENTURY VERSION))

20 When Job heard this, he got up and tore his robe and shaved his head to show how sad he was. Then he bowed down to the ground to worship God. **21** He said: "I was naked when I was born, and I will be naked when I die. The LORD gave these things to me, and he has taken them away. Praise the name of the LORD." **22** In all this Job did not sin or blame God.

JOB 13:15 ((THE MESSAGE))

15 Because even if he killed me, I'd keep on hoping. I'd defend my innocence to the very end.

((E X T R A N O T E S))

PSALM 19:7-14 ((PROPHETIC WORD))

7 The Law (**precepts, statutes of God's Word**) of Lord is perfect (**complete, full of integrity**); it gives new strength (**vitality**). The commands of the Lord last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people.

8 The Lord's instruction is right (**make you go in a straight direction**); it makes our heart rejoice. God's commands shine brightly (**enlightens your mind**).

It makes your eyes shine (**able to see clearly God's direction for your life**). **9** Worshipping the Lord produces good results. All of God's decisions are correct and fair.

10 They (**God's commands**) are more desirable than the finest gold; they are sweeter than the purest honey.

11 By your teachings (**commands from God's Word - Bible**), Lord, I am warned (**protected**); by obeying them, I am greatly rewarded (**guarded, hedged about, compensation**).

12 Who can notice every mistake (**none of us realize all our faults**)? Forgive my hidden faults (**forgive me when I sin and don't know it**).

13 Don't let me do wrong on purpose (**arrogant, willful sinning**); do not allow anyone to gain control over me (**don't let anyone influence me to sin**). Then

I shall be perfect and free from the evil of sin (**guilt of sin**). **14** May my words (**speech**) and my thoughts (**heart attitude, murmurings in my mind come out of my mouth**) be acceptable to you, O Lord (**let my life please You O God**), my refuge (**the strength of my life**) and my redeemer (**my deliverer**).