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Sunday, April 19, 2015

“Does Suffering Disprove God”

(Psalm 73:3-4, 13)

Today we continue our series, *Unchanging*, with a message concerning hard things. The problem of evil and suffering existing in a world created by a loving God is a complex problem. Today we take on big questions that rightly lead us to a bigger God.

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(Job 5:7, NLT).

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2. The existence of evil is the result of the fall;
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3. If there is no God, why should we be outraged when
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4. In Jesus we meet a God who will
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5. The perspective of God, the reality of God on the other side of death
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- 1. The mere existence of pain does not prove the absence of love.**
- 2. The existence of evil is the result of the fall; it’s not part of God’s original creation.**
- 3. If there is no God, why should we be outraged when bad things happen to people?**
- 4. In Jesus we meet a God who will defeat suffering by suffering Himself.**

“a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3, ESV).

“During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears...” (Hebrews 5:7, NIV).

“Even though Jesus was God’s Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered...” (Hebrews 5:8, NLT).

- 5. The perspective of God, the reality of God on the other side of death will take your breath away.**

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