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Sunday, November 17, 2019

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There may be no subject more troubling to more people than the one posed by our sermon title. Why does a good God let bad things happen to people? It's a question we often ask when we are the ones suffering and in pain. Today we will prayerfully lean into this big question and find some good answers.

1. God uses your pain to bring _	
2. God uses our pain to bring _	

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"There is no one righteous, not even one. There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away; all alike have become worthless. There is no one who does what is good, not even one" (Romans 3:10-12, CSB).

"God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, CSB).

1. God uses your pain to bring you to Himself.

2. God uses our pain to bring others to Him.

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