



# QUESTIONS OF FAITH



**APRIL 23, 2023 / WHY WOULD A LOVING GOD ALLOW SO MUCH SUFFERING? / ROMANS 8:18-28**

***THE PRESENCE OF SUFFERING IN THE WORLD IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST QUESTIONS PEOPLE HAVE CONCERNING BELIEVING IN GOD. ALTHOUGH THE BIBLE DOES NOT GIVE PAT ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTION, IT DOES SPEAK AT GREAT LENGTH ABOUT THE REALITY OF HUMAN SUFFERING AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS.***

**Read Romans 8:18-28.**

1. How would you answer this question to a friend if asked today?
2. What is the Bible's answer as to why there is so much suffering in the world (Romans 8:21)? (see Genesis 3:16-19; Revelation 22:3a)
3. How is the experience of human suffering described in this passage (Romans 8:22-23)? (see Ecclesiastes 2:22-23)
4. What is the resource offered here for Christians to face suffering in their lives (Romans 8:26-27)? (see Romans 5:3-5; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5)
5. What does this familiar verse say about the character of God and the nature of his sovereign work in our lives (Romans 8:28)? In what ways has it been misunderstood?
6. Are there areas of suffering in your life today where God is actively working?

***Holy Spirit, help me to surrender my heart more freely and my hurts to you today.***