



GOD, WHY?

TRUSTING GOD WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

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PART I: GOD, DO YOU CARE?

Mark 4:35-38 (NLT). *As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"*

REMEMBER: Although I do not have control over most of the storms that come into my life, I do have control over what I think about God in the midst of the storm.

John 16:33 (NLT). *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.*

Joni Eareckson Tada: *"When we hurt, God doesn't always give us lots of words; he gives us the Word; the Word made flesh who is intimately acquainted with our grief and suffering. That's what helps the most."*

IN THE STORM I REMIND MYSELF THAT:

- 1. JUST BECAUSE I DON'T UNDERSTAND, DOESN'T MEAN GOD ISN'T [TRUSTWORTHY].**

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT). *"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."*

Isaiah 26:4 (NLT). *Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.*

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT). *The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.*

2. JUST BECAUSE GOD SEEMS TO BE SILENT, DOESN'T MEAN GOD IS [ABSENT].

Isaiah 49:14-15 (NLT). *Yet Jerusalem says, "The Lord has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us." "Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!"*

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NLT). *Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."*

Psalms 46:1-2 (NLT). *God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.*

3. JUST BECAUSE STORMS COME, DOESN'T MEAN GOD ISN'T [GOOD].

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT). *For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

Psalms 27:13-14 (NLT). *Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.*



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