

Where is God When It Hurts?

Psalm 42:1-11

Philip Yancey says, “It’s not about how you feel. Feelings can’t be _____.”

The Bible says that the heart is deceitful above all things and _____; who can know it. (*Jeremiah 17:9*)

God wants us to choose to love him freely, even when that choice involves _____.

Good and Evil:

Corrupt _____ are the ones who bring chaos, grief, suffering and pain.

God’s nature is not to bite but to _____. The unredeemed nature bites, this is what Paul says in Galatians 5:15.

How do we redeem that which we can’t seem to remove?

It starts with the _____ that all things work together for good to those who love God.

Redeeming the Bad: (_____)

Every major passage in the New Testament on suffering talks about **p**_____ and **h**_____ and **p**_____ and all these good things – that’s *redeemed* pain.

People I know who have redeemed the pain in their lives:

As Philip Yancey points out, “To judge God by (disasters) ... is to judge God by a beautiful work of art that has been spoiled by a _____.”

Yet, once bad things happen, we have a choice: We can either become resentful and demoralized, or we can look for ways to be resilient and create something good and meaningful.