

# MESSAGE NOTES

"I've Always Wondered - Part Four"  
(Text: 1 Peter 3:15)

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(22) If God is such a good God, why do \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?

- (a) Most suffering is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) A lot of suffering is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) A lot of suffering is due to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) A lot of suffering is due to certain \_\_\_\_\_ in the universe.
- (e) A lot of times it's our own \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) A lot of times it's our \_\_\_\_\_ that harm us and others.

(23) Does God \_\_\_\_\_, or is that just me thinking He is?

1. God primarily speaks to us through \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 3:16-17).  
God will never ask us to do something that is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God also speaks to us through \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:13-14).
3. God will speak to us through \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 11:14; Romans 10:13-17).
4. God will speak to us through \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 2:12).

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# TAKING IT HOME

For the week of August 2, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. In his book, *The Problem of Pain*, C.S. Lewis wrote, “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” How can suffering grab our attention?

2. Read **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**. How does Christ comfort us in our affliction?

How does suffering better prepare us for helping others?

How can God’s promises bring us comfort in suffering? Without using your Bible or Google, how many promises can you name?

3. Peter wrote to Christians who were suffering for their faith. Read **1 Peter 4:12-19**. How are we to view difficulties and suffering (**vv. 12-13**)?

What does it mean to “suffer according to God’s will”? What two actions did Peter instruct suffering Christians to take (**vs. 19**)?

4. What do you think keeps us from hearing God?

5. We are bombarded by many voices every day. If we’re not careful, God’s voice can get drowned out. Read **1 John 4:1-2**. How should we exercise discernment with the voices we hear?

What are some ways we can discern whether or not something is from God?

6. How can we hear God better this week?