

Episode Notes

QUESTIONS GRIEVING CHRISTIANS ASK: WHY DID GOD LET MY LOVED ONE DIE?

KEY POINTS:

- God sometimes answers our prayers with miracles and sometimes he doesn't. And, most often, we don't know why he answers as he does.
- We can become discouraged or elated by God's answers to prayer.
- In such times, we must remind ourselves about God's character, his promises and his love for us. He may seem to us as though he is absent when our prayers are not answered.
- God understands our pain - because he has felt that pain and more. He didn't spare Jesus from death.
- While not knowing why God didn't save your loved one is disorienting and unsatisfying, the pain you are feeling is more about the emotional pain of loss than your unanswered question.
- God may not tell you 'why' he didn't answer your prayers the way you wished. But, he will sit in the pit of despair with you for as long as you need.

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

Knowing the Mind of God:

Romans 11:34

"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

Psalms 46:10

"He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

God didn't Spare Jesus from the Cross:

Romans 8:32

"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

Luke 22:42

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

STEPPING STONE:

"If you absolutely knew the reason that God did not save your loved one from death - would that relieve you of the pain of your loss?" Why or why not?

HEART CHECK

Date:

What have you been thinking and feeling today?

