

* MESSAGE NOTES ~ April 28, 2024

HE STILL MOVES STONES ~ Week 4 ~ Pain

WESTLEY (AKA The Dread Pirate Roberts) ~ "Life IS pain highness! Anyone who tells you differently is selling something."

PASTOR G ~ "Life INVOLVES pain. Anyone who tells you differently is selling something."

THE ATHEIST ARGUMENT: If God is all-loving and all-powerful then why is there still pain, suffering, and evil in the world? Either God CANNOT get rid of pain, suffering, and evil or God WILL NOT get rid of pain, suffering, and evil. If God CANNOT get rid of pain, suffering, and evil then He is not all-powerful. If God WILL NOT get rid of pain, suffering, and evil then He is not all loving.

Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God—what is good and well-pleasing and perfect. ~ Romans 12:2

Such prayer for all is good and welcomed before God our Savior, since He wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

~ 1 Timothy 2:3-4

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."~ Revelation 21:3-4

THE ANSWER: Our all-loving, and all-powerful God has not yet, but will one day, get rid of all pain, suffering, and evil in the world.

The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some regard slowness, but is being patient toward you, because He does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. ~ 2 Peter 3:9

I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble and suffering, but take courage—I have conquered the world. ~ John 16:33

... we rejoice in the hope of God's glory. Not only this, but we also rejoice in sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance, character, and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ~ Romans 5:2b-5

Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God.

~ Exodus 2:23

So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice of them. ~ Exodus 2:24-25

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." ~ 2 Corinthians 12:9a

Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

~ 2 Corinthians 12:9b-10

God's greatest blessings often arrive in the times of our greatest troubles.

Now as Jesus was passing by, He saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who committed the sin that caused him to be born blind, this man or his parents?" ~ John 9:1-2

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but he was born blind so that the acts of God may be revealed through what happens to him." ~ John 9:3



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