

# WHY DID IT HAPPEN TO ME!

## 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Intro.** There are things that we can do when bad things happen to us. We always say, “it happens to the other guy”, but what do we do when it happens to us?

1. We can become bitter and accuse God
2. We can become pitiful, and pity ourselves
3. We can get trust God, that He is in control of our lives (Romans 8:28)

**There are some reasons that “these things” happen to God’s children**

### **I. THAT THE GLORY OF GOD MIGHT BE MADE MANIFEST**

John 9:1 There was a man born blind from birth. When questioned about his blind condition Jesus responded, “Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.”

Job suffered so God’s glory could be manifested in him. Your suffering could be so that God could be seen in your suffering.

### **II. THAT YOU MIGHT HELP A WEAKER BROTHER**

Someone might have the same experience, and if God has seen you through it, you can help them.

1 Thess. 1:6-7 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

### **III. TO SHOW YOU THAT THE GRACE OF GOD IS SUFFICIENT FOR EVERY NEED**

God gave Paul grace to bear his “thorn in the flesh” (2 Cor. 12:7-9). Yet His grace is sufficient

### **IV. THAT YOU MIGHT ENTER INTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING**

Phil. 3:8-10 Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

### **V. BECAUSE GOD HAS TO CHASTEN HIS PRECIOUS BELIEVERS**

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.