

Message Notes | Mastermind

Part 5: Life Should be Easy

Luke 13:1-5

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→ today's lie:

#1 The _____ of _____ does not mean the _____ of _____ or his _____.

→ Jesus answers some questions about hardship – **vs. 1-5**

→ does God have a clipboard?

#2 God's _____ are not based on your _____.

→ why does God bless you? - **Ephesians 2:8-9**

→ why is there pain and hardship?

#3 Because there is _____ in the _____, there will be _____ in our _____.

→ God's love in the midst of pain - **James 1:2-4**

#4 God can use _____ to help you _____.

Truth Declarations:

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1. Give an example of when God has allowed suffering into your world.

What did that do to your faith? How did it influence the way you view God?

2. **Read Luke 13:1-5.** Why do people so easily fall into thinking that life should bring good things to good people?

3. Evaluate this statement. There is no such thing as good people. (cf. Romans 3:23)

4. Why is there suffering in the world? (cf. Genesis 3)

How does the origin of suffering, affect your view of God during times of suffering?

5. When we are in the midst of suffering we can get focused on figuring out the reasons why. Is that wrong?

What are some reasons God may allow suffering or hardship?

Why is a focus on reasons not always helpful?

What could be a better focus?

6. In the midst of hardship, you are going to be tempted to doubt God's love. What are some truths that can help curb that doubt?

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#1 The presence of pain does not mean the absence of God or his love.

- Jesus answers some questions about hardship – **vs. 1-5**
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#2 God's blessings are not based on your good works.

- why does God bless you? - **Ephesians 2:8-9**
- why is there pain and hardship?

#3 Because there is sin in the world, there will be pain in our lives.

- God's love in the midst of pain - **James 1:2-4**

#4 God can use pain to help you grow.

Truth Declarations:

Bible Reading for Today

Luke 13:1-5

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

