



God is Compassionate
Romans 8:35-39

Some say God isn't _____ because He allows pain and sorrow into our lives. While pain _____, the good that comes from it often outweighs the agony. God is compassionate and helps us use our tragedies to _____ our lives and our character.

We all face the day when the circumstances of life _____ against us (Ecclesiastes 9:11-12). When those dark days come our way, please don't imagine that somehow God _____ you or He is picking on you. Dark days are hard, but we don't have to let them _____ us or give in to a defeated spirit or a discouraged heart. We may learn the most _____ lessons through our mistakes and our heartaches.

One lesson is that we won't live _____ (James 4:13-15). Today is all we _____. Let's live it for the _____ with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts. Let's live with His _____ in mind, because we have no assurance that tomorrow will come.

Dark days also teach us that our lives make a _____. How we live _____.

When tragedy strikes, turn through the pages of your _____; find verses that give you hope and promise. God never bears false witness; He is the God of _____. (Read 2 Chronicles 16:9; Isaiah 49:15-16.)

Not everything that happens to us is good, but God has the marvelous _____ to make good even out of the worst circumstances (Romans 8:28). There is nothing that can _____ us from God's love (Romans 8:37-39).

God will do _____ than we think to help us through our struggles; He loves us as His children (Ephesians 3:20-21). God will supply all our _____ (Philippians 4:19).

When tragedy strikes, _____ your heart toward God not away from Him. Every problem you face is well within God's view, He hasn't _____ you (Matthew 10:29-31). God will see you through this trial and every trial you face, and in the end you'll be _____ for it (1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:8-11).

When tragedy strikes, _____ earnestly. When the Lord Jesus faced His harshest night in the Garden of Gethsemane, He spent it praying; He cried out for the _____ of God to be done. Through prayer you and I can pour out our hearts and our requests to our Father in heaven; He hears and _____ our prayers (Psalm 18:4-6). God will _____ you, too, and He will help you through your roughest moments. God doesn't take every _____ away, but He helps us bear our burdens. God promises never to let a problem overwhelm us so that we can't _____ it (1 Corinthians 10:13). Nothing in this life will ever happen to you that is _____ than what you and God together can handle.

When tragedy strikes, _____ over your loss but rejoice in the Lord and in the love of good people. Remember that Paul's advice in Philippians 4:4 to "Rejoice always" came from a _____ cell.

We can know best what God is like by looking at _____. The compassion of Jesus helps us _____ the compassion of God. The compassion of Jesus is seen over and over again in His miracles and actions; the story of Lazarus (John 11:35-36) is a very good example of that compassion.