

Overcoming Some Of Life's Problems

(Part 1)

"Why me Lord?"

Job 14:1

*"Man, that is born of a woman, is
of few days, and full of trouble."*

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Life Has Problems

All Kinds Of Problems:

- ▶ Sin is the first and greatest problem.
- ▶ With self.
- ▶ Family problems:
 - Marriage.
 - Children.
- ▶ Suffer sickness, disease, tragedy, and death.
- ▶ Financial problems.
- ▶ Church problems:
 - Division.
 - Indifference.

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Tendency To Ask, "Why Me Lord?"

- ▶ "What have I done to deserve this?"
- ▶ "Why did God let this happen?"
- ▶ "Why am I being punished?"

Questions we don't ask:

- ▶ "Why not me?"
- ▶ "Why me?" when we receive good or are blessed.

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"Why Me Lord?"

WHY – Reasons For Problems

Consequences of sin in the beginning.

- ▶ Death and disease come as a consequence of sin (Genesis 2:17; 3:1ff).
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 15:22, 55–56.
- ▶ Reason we have sickness, aches, pains, suffering, and death is that sin is in the world.

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WHY – Reasons For Problems.

Consequences of our own sin

- ▶ 1 Peter 4:15–16 – Suffer as a murderer, etc.
- ▶ Proverbs 13:15 – Way of the transgressor is hard.
- ▶ Reap what we sow. Galatians 6:7–9
 - Hosea 8:7 – Sow to the wind and reap whirlwind.

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WHY – Reasons For Problems.

Consequences of others' sin

- ▶ Exodus 20:5–6 – Consequences visited unto the third and fourth generation.
- ▶ Matthew 5:32 – Man unscripturally puts away his wife – she either cannot remarry or commits adultery when she does.
- ▶ Ezra 10:44 – Children suffered because of the parents.

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WHY – Reasons For Problems.

For Cause of Christ

- ▶ 1 Peter 4:16 – Suffer as a Christian.
- ▶ Hebrews 12:5ff – Persecution – called chastening of the Lord.
- ▶ 2 Timothy 3:12 – All that are godly will suffer.

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WHY – Reasons For Problems.

Violation of natural laws

- ▶ Gravity – a good law, yet if one falls, can get hurt or possibly die.
- ▶ Fire – good to cook and heat, yet burns our bodies or house.
- ▶ Can't have **good without there also being bad.**
 - If possible to feel good – there must also be possibility of feeling bad.
 - If possible to have good marriage – possible to have a bad one.

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WHY – Reasons For Problems.

Natural phenomena

- ▶ Earthquake, tornado, hurricane, lightning, and floods are all natural occurrences.
- ▶ Suffering caused by these are to any and all who are there.

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WHY – Reasons For Problems.

Free will of man. Romans 6:16-18

- ▶ If man can make choices, then he can make wrong choices, otherwise, we would be robots at the direction of God. cf. Matthew 7:13; Deuteronomy 30:15
- ▶ Choice means there are consequences.
- ▶ Thus, possible to make mistakes or even sin.
- ▶ Some choices bring grief and suffering.

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