



Becoming a Confident Mom

Week 6: Why do bad things happen?

Big Idea: Bad things happen because we live in a _____ but we can have _____ in the future because Jesus has _____ the world.

I. How do we respond to suffering?

A. Don't be _____: *Count on _____ and expect _____.*

John 16:33, "You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

B. Don't be _____: *Avoid the _____.*

John 9:3, "'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,'" Jesus answered.

C. Don't _____: *look for _____ to be displayed*

John 9:3, "'This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him.'"

John 9:25, "He answered, "Whether or not he's a sinner, I don't know. One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I can see!'"

II. Suffering reveals our need for a _____.

III. You are not alone in suffering.

A. He gets us because He went _____.

Hebrews 4:15, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin."

B. He loves us and He _____.

2 Corinthians 5:21, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us."

C. He is with us in suffering and wants to _____.

Psalm 9:9-10, "God is a safe-house for the battered, a sanctuary during bad times. The moment you arrive, you relax; you're never sorry you knocked."
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D. He _____ for us- He surrounds us.

Romans 8:26, "In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings."

The ultimate response to suffering is _____.

MomQ Challenge:

- 1) Remember more is caught than taught so model a healthy response to adversity so your children will follow your example.
- 2) Memorize John 16:33 and teach it to your children.

Small Group Questions:

- 1) What has been your natural response to suffering in the past? Can you share a time you felt overwhelmed by difficult circumstances?
- 2) How has God used suffering to disrupt your routine, challenge your traditions, or establish His authority in your life?
- 3) Share an area of suffering in your life today where you can make adjustments in your response to this trial? Are you surprised by it? Are you hopeless about the outcome? Are you deceived by incorrectly blaming yourself or others for it? Are you shutting your eyes and just waiting for it to end?
- 4) When adversity comes on your children how do you respond? After hearing today's lesson how might you try to respond in the future?