

Suffering: What It's Not About

We do not know the reason God allows evil and suffering to continue, or why it is so random, **but now at least we know what the reason is not.** It cannot be that he does not love us. It cannot be that he does not care.

He is so committed to our ultimate happiness that he was willing to plunge into the greatest depths of suffering himself.



He understands us, he has been there, and he assures us that he has a plan to eventually wipe away every tear. Someone might say, *“But that’s only half an answer to the question ‘Why?’”* Yes, but it is the half we need.

If God actually provided an explanation of all the reasons why he allows things to happen as they do, it would be too much for our finite brains. Think of little children and their relationship to their parents. Three-year-olds cannot understand most of why their parents allow and disallow what they do. **But though they aren’t capable of comprehending their parents’ reasons, they are capable of knowing their parents’ love and therefore are capable of trusting them and living securely.**

That is what we really need.

Now, the difference between God and human beings is infinitely greater than the difference between a thirty-year-old parent and a three-year-old child. So we should not expect to be able to grasp all God’s purposes, but through the cross and gospel of Jesus Christ, we can know his love.

And this is what we need most.

- [Walking with God through Pain & Suffering](#), by Tim Keller, pp121-122



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