

## **MAKE WAR**

*(4) Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People? (Part 1)*

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**WHY DO BAD THINGS... HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?**

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**TRUTH #1... GOD IS GOOD!**

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**WHAT IS YOUR FAITH SUPPOSED TO BE BUILT ON?**

**IS IT BASED ON THE "FACTS OF THE BIBLE" -- OR "YOUR FEELINGS"?**

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**Matthew 7:7-11...**

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. **"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!**"*

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**GOD SIMPLY CANNOT GIVE BAD GIFTS TO HIS CHILDREN!**

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*Are **WE (GOD FOLLOWERS)** – going to allow **THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN OUR LIFE...** to determine our **BELIEF IN GOD...**?*

*Or are **WE (GOD FOLLOWERS)** - going to allow our **BELIEF IN GOD...** **TO REIGN OVER OUR CIRCUMSTANCES?***

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*Sometimes **GOD** uses **PAIN IN OUR LIVES...** to bring something **HARMFUL** to our **ATTENTION...** so we can **REMOVE IT FROM OUR LIVES!?***

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**JESUS** came to **CHANGE** our **HEARTS...** **NOT** our **CIRCUMSTANCES!**

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**TRUTH #2... GOD IS ALL POWERFUL!**

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*The same **GOD** who gathers the **seas up in a jar** and can make the **sun stand still...** is the **SAME GOD** who is in **CHARGE** of **YOUR LIFE!***

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**TRUTH #3... BAD THINGS HAPPEN!**

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**1 SAMUEL 17:32-37...**

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."<sup>33</sup> Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "**Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I WENT AFTER IT, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.**

Your servant has **killed** both the **lion** and the **bear**; **this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.** The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the **lion** and the paw of the **bear** He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

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They weren't **PUNISHMENTS FROM GOD...** They were the **TRAINING GROUND** for **WHAT GOD WOULD CALL HIM TO DO LATER ON HIS LIFE!**

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He **REFUSED** to let the "**TRAGEDY**" **IDENTIFY HIM...**  
He chose to **WALK IN THE "TRIUMPH" GOD GAVE HIM!**

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**GOD** wasn't **PUNISHING** David... He was **PREPARING** David!

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**GOD ISN'T "PUNISHING" YOU... HE'S MIGHT JUST BE "PREPARING" YOU!**

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**CRUCIFIXION LEADS TO RESURRECTION!**

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