



## **How Could a Loving God Allow Suffering?**

### **Explanation #1 – Suffering is a Consequence**

Gal 6:7 NIV: Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

### **Explanation #2 – Suffering Leads to Growth**

Rom 5:3-4 NIV: Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

*I might have lost an arm, but I became so much more. – Logan Aldridge*

### **Explanation #3 – Suffering is for a Greater Good**

Romans 8:28 NIV: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

2 Corinthians 1:4 NIV: [God] comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

Phil 1:12 NIV: Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

### **Truth #1 – God Knows...Your Suffering**

John 11:35: Jesus wept.

### **Truth #2 – God's with You...in Your Suffering**

Matthew 28:20 NIV: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Ps 23:4 ESV: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

### **Truth #3 – One Day God Will End All Suffering**

Rev 21:4 NIV: 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'