

NOW THAT'S A TOUGH ONE!

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

Acts 14:21-22      Jeff Schreve

*And after they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."*

Acts 14:21-22

***Why do bad things happen to good people?***

**1. Because you have \_\_\_\_\_.**

*And the Lord hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up. Jonah 1:4*

**2. Because someone else has \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn their backs before their enemies, for they have become accursed. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst. Joshua 7:12*

**3. Because Satan is \_\_\_\_\_ you.**

*Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the **same experiences of suffering** are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. And after you have **suffered for a little while**, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 1 Peter 5:8-10*

**4. Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ you.**

*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you. 1 Peter 4:12*

*Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham...  
Genesis 22:1*

**5. Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ you.**

*Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

*2 Corinthians 12:7-9*

**6. Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ you.**

*Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Genesis 45:8*

**7. Because we live in a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Matthew 5:45*

***What do you do when bad things happen to you?***

**1. Continue to \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

**2. Continue to \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.**

**4. Stay \_\_\_\_\_.**

*And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to*

*His purpose. Romans 8:28*