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“Why do Bad Things happen to Good People?”

Luke 13:1-5

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“At that time, some people came and reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² And He responded to them, “Do you think that these Galileans were more sinful than all Galileans because they suffered these things? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well! ⁴ Or those 18 that the tower in Siloam fell on and killed—do you think they were more sinful than all the people who live in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well!” Luke 13:1-5

1. The Source of Suffering “...You will have suffering in this world....” (John 16:33)
 - a. Natural calamity
 - b. Moral evil

2. The Perspective on Suffering
 - a. Old Testament-Job *“Even if he kills me, I will hope in Him.”* (13:15)
 - b. New Testament- 2 Corinthians *“...afflictions that took place in Asia; we were completely overwhelmed-beyond our strength-so that we even despaired of life.”* (1:8)

3. What’s the Point in Being Good?
 - a. God made us; we need to abide by the Owner’s manual.
 - b. Eternal Salvation is 100% by Grace; good works are a postscript saying ‘I love You’
 - c. Obedience generally brings blessing; disobedience generally brings judgment

4. What are our Resources?
 - a. The promises of God
 - b. The Body of Christ
 - c. Professionally trained Christian counselors

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