

# When Evil Strikes

How Can a Good God Allow Evil and Suffering?

John 16:33

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### 1. The HARD Answers

- Suffering enforces God's justice.
- Our choices have consequences.

### 2. The HEAD Answers

1. God did not create evil or suffering.
2. God can and does use suffering to accomplish good.
3. The day is coming when suffering will cease, and evil will be judged.
4. Any suffering we experience in this life pales in comparison to what's ahead for Christians.
5. You and I decide whether our pain in this world is going to harden us or soften us.

### 3. The HEART Answers

- "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)
- Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)