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Why do bad things happen to good people?

The degree to which we will struggle with this question is directly related to:

- The way we see God
- The way we see the world
- The way we see Jesus
- The way we see ourselves in Him
- The way we trust Him

John 16:33 (NIV)

33 "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 14 -16 – Read these chapters

Can you explain this verse:

Isaiah 45:7 (NLT)

7 I create the light and make the darkness. I send good times and bad times. I, the LORD, am the one who does these things.

Keep in mind that the writers of the Scripture are human beings that are inspired by the Holy Spirit.

John 9:1-3 (NIV)

1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.

2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.

John 9:1-3 (MSG)

1 Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth.

2 His disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?"

3 Jesus said, "You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do.

What is the fundamental problem with the question?

- Mark 10
- Romans 3
- Job 22