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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
When Bad Stuff Happens
John 9.1-7

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans...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.
Romans 8.26,28

Why do bad things happen? Why is there evil and suffering?

Suffering is often a **MYSTERY** .

What should our response be when encountering suffering?

1. We **LAMENT** .

- Nearly 1/3 of the psalms are psalms of lament.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. Psalm 22.1-22

Darkness is my closest friend. Psalm 88.18

2. We don't forget the "**YET**". We lay our situation **BEFORE GOD**.

*Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will **yet** praise him, my Savior and my God.* Psalm 42.5

*...he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. **Yet** not as I will, but as you will."*
Matthew 26.39

3. We don't **LOOK BACK** but we **LOOK FORWARD** for opportunities to be a light to the rest of the world.

*"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "**but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.** As long as it is day, **we must do the works of him who sent me.** Night is coming, when no one can work."* v. 3-4

...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5.16

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!
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