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**Q: Does everything happen for a reason?**

**Why a bad thing might be a bad thing:**

We live in a *fallen world*.

Genesis 1-4:8 | 1 Peter 4:12 | Hebrews 9:27

If we've ignored *God's warnings*.

Romans 6:23 | Proverbs 1:23-33 | Deuteronomy 28:1-2 & 15

If we've made *foolish decisions*.

Proverbs 19:2-3 | Proverbs 22:3

If we're caught *in the splash zone*.

Daniel 1:1-6 | Job | 1 Peter 4:19

**Practical advice:**

2 Timothy 4:1-20 | Luke 10:17-20

- Don't be afraid to call *bad things bad*.
- Be careful not to *catastrophize*.
- Never forget life's biggest *problem*.
- You should be *optimistic* when you live by *faith!*  
Hebrews 11:6 | Revelation 21:1-5 | Habakkuk 3:16-19 |  
Romans 8:31-39

**Build on a solid foundation:**

- God loves you
- God says I am with you
- God leads when we follow
- God is *not finished* with your story

**Praying Together**

Take some time to list below what is weighing down your heart and bring it to God in prayer:

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