

# ...why me?

## NO ANSWER IS THE ANSWER

### Why Me? part 1 of 3

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**FACT #1:** When you ask \_\_\_\_\_ you assume meaning.

**FACT #2:** When you assume meaning you assume a source of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Job 1:1-3

**Job 1:18-22** While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house,"<sup>19</sup> when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"<sup>20</sup> At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship<sup>21</sup> and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."<sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

#### Two Popular Answers to Suffering:

**Religion:** God must be \_\_\_\_\_ me.

**Irreligion:** Bad things just \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Job 3:1-26

**THE DANGER:** Deconversion is highly likely after a \_\_\_\_\_ moment.

**THE BIG LESSON:** Trusting God when we are suffering means often living without an answer to **WHY** because we have the answer to **WHO**.

#### Job 38:1-11

**FACT #3:** God will allow us to lose things that we love in order to deepen our \_\_\_\_\_ for Him.

**BIG IDEA:** Being okay with no answer is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 27:45-46** From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.<sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, **why** have you forsaken me?").

**A PRAYER IN THE PAIN:** God, I might not know why I'm suffering and that's okay. I know why Jesus suffered for me and that's enough.

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