

Why do bad things happen to good people?

# If God is great and good why do we suffer?

This broken world is the best possible context in which to display all of God's attributes. We may not be able to understand or control what happens to us

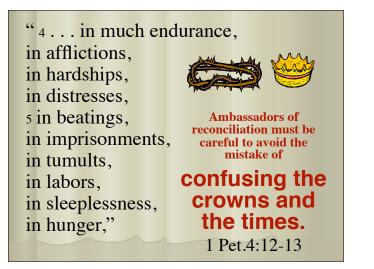
but we can understand and control our response to what happens to us.

" 4 but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God," The emphasis in this verse is on "commending" (to stand by)

- 1. vs.1 "not to receive the grace of God in vain"
- 2. vs.3 "that the ministry be not discredited"
- 3. vs.4 "in much endurance"

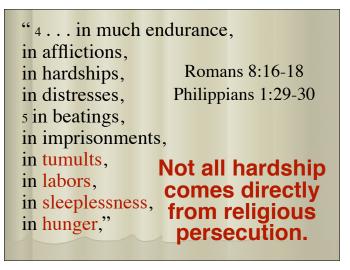
The way we see and respond to personal hardship.















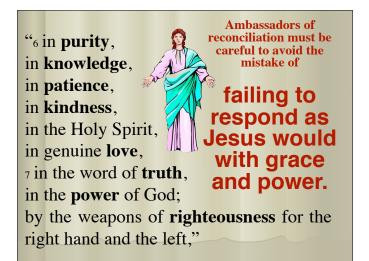
### 1 Corinthians 10:13

"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to **endure** it.

### "to abide or remain under"

## We are free to walk away from many painful circumstances

but if we follow Jesus we may be called not to do so.



Ambassadors of reconciliation must be careful to avoid	failing to see the world through the
as having nothing	yet possessing all things
as poor	yet making many rich,
o as sorrowful	yet always rejoicing,
as punished	yet not put to death,
as dying	yet behold, we live;
as unknown	yet well-known,
regarded as deceivers	and yet true;
by evil report	and good report;
's by glory	and dishonor,



### Summary of 6:1-10

eye of heaven.

#### Ambassadors of reconciliation must avoid these mistakes

- ✓ fail to receive the Grace of God.
- ✓ fail to respond to the Grace of God.
- ✓ fail to realize the Plan of God.
  ✓ fail to represent the Gospel of God.

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- $\checkmark$  fail to reflect the Son of God.
- ✓ fail to anticipate suffering.
- $\checkmark$  fail to appreciate the breadth of suffering.
- ✓ fail to accept the mystery of suffering.
- $\checkmark$  fail to abide through suffering.
- $\checkmark$  fail to act on the opportunities in suffering.