

Everything  
happens  
for a reason

God helps those  
who help  
themselves

## Jesus Didn't Say THAT

God won't  
give you more  
than you  
can handle

Love the sinner  
hate the sin

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

## **“Everything Happens for a Reason”**

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- We say it meaning the \_\_\_\_\_, but it can actually lead to the \_\_\_\_\_.

*An “everything happens for a reason” belief leads to a “nothing I do matters” lifestyle. @OneChurchActs2*

-Problem 1: Lack of personal \_\_\_\_\_.

“Have \_\_\_\_\_ over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

Genesis 1:28

-Problem 2: God is responsible for \_\_\_\_\_.

-Sometimes bad things just \_\_\_\_\_.

-Problem 3: \_\_\_\_\_ – all events are predetermined and inevitable.

- \_\_\_\_\_ – God does not intervene in our world.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ life so that you and your descendants may live...”

Deuteronomy 30:19-20a

John Calvin (1509-1564) & John Wesley (1703-1791)

-Calvin – Grace is unmerited and \_\_\_\_\_.

-There is no \_\_\_\_\_ and everything is \_\_\_\_\_.

*“In a world where there is much uncertainty...  
one reaction is a retreat toward absolute certainty.”*

*-Rev. Adam Hamilton*

-Wesley – Grace is unmerited but \_\_\_\_\_.

-God gives \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to determine our own lives.

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Good News - God does not make the \_\_\_\_\_ things happen to you,  
but God can make even the worst things \_\_\_\_\_.

Action Steps

-Have \_\_\_\_\_ and accept personal \_\_\_\_\_.

-Instead of saying something \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of suffering,  
practice the spiritual discipline of \_\_\_\_\_ to someone in need.

“They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one \_\_\_\_\_ a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.”

Job 2:11-13