

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

“That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.”

-- Paul

Romans 8:28

“Everything Happens For A Reason”

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“We know that **all things** work together for good for those who love God,”

“**God makes** all things work together for good.”

“In all things **God works** for the good of those who love him,” NIV

“**God works together with those who love him** to bring about **good**.”

Warning: When our beliefs are _____ we can become _____.

It is important to read any Scripture in the light of its _____.

Romans 8:26-27, The Spirit _____ us by turning groans into prayers.

The Problems: We sometimes _____ people in our search for comfort.

Problem 1: Lack of personal _____. Whatever I do is God’s plan.

Genesis 1:28, We have _____ meaning we are _____!

Problem 2: “EHFAR” makes _____ responsible for everyone’s actions.

Our actions have _____ for us and others. Deuteronomy 4:25-27

Prophets help a faith _____ make sense of the world. Isaiah 10:5-6

Problem 3: _____ and indifference – Whatever will be, will be.



*We believe God’s providence oversees what happens on our planet **and** that God has invited us to be co-laborers in bringing heaven to earth.*

John Calvin and Theological Determinism (1509 – 1564)

Calvin – “No wind ever rises or rages without God’s special command.”

Our weather forecaster are scientists, not prophets of God’s plan for rain.

Calvin taught predestination, meaning _____ that happens is predetermined by God before any of us were born including salvation.

John Wesley and Preventive Grace (1703-1791)

Unlike Calvin, Wesley believed in _____ grace.

For both Calvin and Wesley grace is _____ (unearned).

Wesley taught that God wills _____ humanity to be saved. 2 Peter 3:9

God gives us _____ will and _____ (power) to choose heaven.

Some choose to _____ God’s saving grace while others _____ it.



God has given us freedom to make choices for better or worse. The challenge to follow God’s way cannot be put off to later. The consequences are too important.

Action Steps: _____ for how God could use you to bring good into or out of a bad situation.