



Sermon Notes

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NO EASY ANSWERS - "Does God Care?"
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Problem - God doesn't seem to show up when you need him

*Jesus doesn't fix everything - he doesn't instantly turn every tear into joy

John 11:35 - God cares - he weeps for us and he weeps with us

*just being curious about God could change your life forever

Exodus 3:7-10 - God is always motivated by love - he acts on our pain

*God always picks people to be instruments of his love (Habitat for Humanity)

*is it possible God's love is all around us but we are unaware of it? (farm smells)

So then, why is there suffering?

Genesis 4:6,7 - much of human suffering is actually self-inflicted

*we want to choose but don't want to live with the consequences of our choices

Romans 8:19 - everything is interconnected - our actions impact others

*God allows pain so we can see the brokenness of the human condition

Jonah 3 - sometimes, God causes pain

*we act as though God wants to destroy and we are the compassionate ones

*the truth is God is compassionate and we don't think about the pain of others

*our world is in disarray because our hearts are in disarray

Revelation 21 - God's plan is a new creation where everything works right

Isaiah 53 - God not only embraces our pain but he takes it on himself

It's one thing to know God exists, it's another thing to know that he cares!