

NOT MY GOD

WEEK FOUR - HEARTLESS GOD

On Demand god: “A good god does what I want, when I want.”

Killjoy god: “A good god does not have tons of rules.”

Goosebumps god: “A good god always makes me feel something.”

Heartless god: “A good god does not allow pain.”

Why is God allowing this to happen?

Job 3:24-25 (NLT) For sighing has become my daily food; my groans pour out like water. What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me.

Psalms 69:1-3 (NLT) Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck. Deeper and deeper I sink into the mire; I can't find a foothold. I am in deep water, and the floods overwhelm me. I am exhausted from crying for help; my throat is parched. My eyes are swollen with weeping, waiting for my God to help me.

2 Corinthians 12:7-8 (NLT) Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

Pain wasn't a part of God's perfect design

Genesis 1:31 (NLT) Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT) Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.”

God doesn't always cause pain, but God can always use it.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NLT) So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

John 3:16-17 (NLT) “For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him.

Pain is not a sign of a heartless God

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Calling God “heartless” requires you to reject His forgiveness.

Treat heaven like it matters more than earth.

When will heaven matter to you?

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Heaven isn't just for you.