

IS IT OK TO ASK?

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Well, as the night comes upon me, I found myself sitting with someone asking the question, “Why?” It is a question that most of us ask beneath our breath when faced with adversity. The psalmist knew of such turmoil as he is confronted with such difficulty. His anguish is felt in the words “My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, *‘Where is your God?’*” (*Psalm 42:3*) If that weren’t enough, he pens these words, *“I will say to God my Rock, ‘Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? As with a breaking of my bones, my enemies reproach me, while they say to me all day long, where is you God?’”* (*Psalm 42:9-10*) There are times when even those who follow God wonder if He is there.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

This text was shared with me while Larry laid in the ICU at Maine Medical Center. He wanted it to be used in some manner at his service yesterday, which it was. I was reminded once again that day, that life doesn’t always go as planned. Even so, *“we can know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”* (*Romans 8:28*) There it is, the reason we find ourselves asking that question, “Why God?” The reason is simple, yet complex; that is, His purpose is something we don’t always understand at the time.

So we find comfort through the psalmist who reveals to us that it is okay to ask why. And in due time, we may have the opportunity to see the answer revealed in our lives. If not, we know that our faith calls us to trust in Him, knowing He will guide us home one day.

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