



## Overcoming Evil & Traumatic Experiences

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### WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

1. Evil is a \_\_\_\_\_ of free choice.  
(Romans 5:12 NLT)

2. All creation is \_\_\_\_\_ by evil and sin.  
(Matthew 24:12 NCV)

### GOD'S VIEW OF OUR TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES:

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ when he sees us hurting.  
(Isaiah 63:9 NLT, psalm 56:8 NLT)

2. God will \_\_\_\_\_ everyone justly one day.  
(Hebrews 4:13 NCV)

3. God can bring \_\_\_\_\_ out of bad if we trust Him.  
(Romans 8:28 NLT)

### APPLICATION: HOW CAN I OVERCOME TRAUMA?

1. Focus on what is \_\_\_\_\_, not what you feel.  
(2 Corinthians 1:8-9 NLT, John 8:32 NLT)

- THE TRAUMA IS NOT MY FAULT
- THE TRAUMA IS NOT MY IDENTITY
- THE TRAUMA IS NOT MY FUTURE

2. Revenge is for God, and \_\_\_\_\_ is for you.  
(Romans 12:19 NLT)

3. Look to God for the \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome.  
(Job 11:13-19 NLT)

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#### ***How to receive forgiveness from God:***

- 1) Admit that you have sinned against God and others.
- 2) Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for you on the cross.
- 3) Commit to following Jesus Christ all the days of your life!

**You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.*

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