



# Questions and Comfort

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*WARM UP: In life, sometimes bad things happen that don't make sense or often seem unfair. When they do, which is more important to you; answers to your questions or having someone there who will go with you through it?*

How many biblical characters can you name that wanted to know “why” but weren’t given an answer? The answer is more than you can probably name. There are some things that God doesn’t answer not because he doesn’t want to, but because we lack the context to understand. We don’t see what He sees nor are His ways our ways.

## **Read About It: Psalm 119:73-80**

1. What questions come to mind when you read this?
2. What parts of his prayer do you identify with most?

## **When it comes to prayer remember:**

- God knows your needs even before you ask. Matt. 6:8
- God cares about you. 1 Pe. 5:7, Eph. 5:29, Nahum 1:7, Ps. 55:22, Mt. 6:25-26
- God hears every prayer, but he doesn’t always answer in the affirmative. Ps. 34:15, 4:3, 18:6, Rm. 8:26

**Think About It:** There are many things that we will never know, or understand, this side of heaven... things like, why some people are healed and others aren't ...why some people are spared from tragedies and others aren't...

We need to know that when our prayers aren't answered, it doesn't mean it's because we are necessarily doing something wrong...sometimes we can be doing everything right...

Remember, when we are living a life that is pleasing to God, we are more of a target for the enemy. We must remember that we live in a fallen world and there is evil in this world. We are told there will be suffering in this world... and that we will share in the sufferings of Christ.

**Pray About It:** When life caves in, and it often does, you do not need reasons, you need comfort. You do not need some answers for why this is happening to you or to someone you love and care about. Answers wouldn’t take away the pain or the hardship. You need someone.

*Jesus does not come to us with an explanation; he comes to us with his presence. Bob Benson*