

Read it and share it today.

Why does bad stuff happen to me?



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Christ's Love, Our Calling

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My mom has cancer. My dad lost his job. My sister is in high school and pregnant. My brother's grades are slipping. Work is so stressful. My life is unstable. Why does bad stuff happen to me?

Plenty of people have plenty of suggestions.

"Maybe God does not love you."

"Maybe he is punishing you for something."

"Maybe everything is too much for him to handle."

Do you want to know the real answer? It is staggering.
"God is LOVE" (1 John 4:16).

What? How can that be? How can there be so many bad things in my life if God is love? Wouldn't a loving God just erase all the bad stuff and only give me good? Well...no.

The kids need shots. They cry with pain. You love them. Are shots "bad"?

You need surgery. It's going to hurt and take some time to heal. Your doctor cares about you. Is surgery "bad"?

Your football coach tells you to run ten 100-yard-sprints. It's not exactly a vacation. Your coach wants what is best for you. Are the sprints "bad"?

So much in our lives looks like "bad stuff," but it is really "good." It certainly looked like a lot of "bad stuff" was happening on the day Jesus died. Jesus was falsely accused of breaking the law. He was whipped, mocked, and executed on the cross. That is some really "bad stuff" for Jesus, but Christians still call that day GOOD Friday.

Because of that "bad stuff" on Good Friday, Jesus removes all of our sins and all of our guilt and says, "I'll take those for you. I'll make them mine." Jesus has tremendous love for us. He takes the punishment away

from us. He has the power to handle everything in our lives.

While everyone has their own opinions about why "bad stuff" happens to them, God gently points me to Jesus and gives me the right answer: "God is LOVE."

Do you want to learn more about this love? We invite you to join us to learn more about God's perfect love for you, and how he uses all the "bad stuff" in your life for your good.

Upcoming Events

Siloah Throw-jans Juggling Club,
Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026, from
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the gym across
the street from the school. Sixth graders
through adults are welcome.

Fish Fry by the Kitchen Committee:
Saturday, September 26th, 2026, from
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October
10th, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in
Hoffmann Hall at Siloah Lutheran Church

Friendship Sunday October 26th, 2026, at
10:00 a.m. at Siloah Lutheran Church

**Siloah Lutheran School Chess
Tournament,** Saturday, November 7th,
2026, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.