

# **ACTS OF GOD**

WHY DOES GOD ALLOW SO MUCH PAIN?

**QUESTIONS FOR YOU**

# 1: WHY, GOD?

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## *How to Face Life's Toughest Question*

### QUESTIONS FOR YOU

1. Describe the occasion when you first questioned God's goodness. What happened? How did your friends or family view the incident? How was your view of God affected?
2. Several causes of evil are discussed. Which have been most common in your life? Which do you feel are the most difficult to deal with?
3. In an encounter with a blind man, Jesus showed the disciples they were asking the wrong question. Explain his point. How can this insight help us deal with our suffering?

4. What are some practical ways we can develop an eternal mindset, viewing our experiences in terms of God's eternal purposes?









## 4: BLESS THIS MESS

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### *Help for Troubled Homes*

#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU**

1. Who do you know who endured a dysfunctional childhood? How would you evaluate the way it affected their adult life?
2. What are some factors that contributed to Jacob's mishandling of the rift between Joseph and his brothers?
3. What is the generational problem, or vicious cycle, of sin? How can the cycle be broken?







## 6: STORM-PROOF

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### *Weathering Life's Dark Moments*

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOU

1. In your opinion, why are people drawn “close to the edge” of danger?
2. Reread the factors that made it harder for Joseph to resist temptation. What would be the factors for your life?
3. How can we be certain now that we'll be capable of thinking clearly and biblically in times of temptation?







## 8: BEARING THE WAIT

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### *Surviving the Long Walk through a Dark Valley*

#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU**

1. In Admiral Stockdale's story, what two kinds of "optimism" (another word for faith) are discussed? What are the differences?
2. What factors make time a formidable test in itself? For what reasons might God make us wait?
3. How does our response to God's "no" define us spiritually? How has that happened in your life?







# 10: WHEN THE BAD GUYS WIN

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*Why Won't God Punish the Wicked?*

## QUESTIONS FOR YOU

1. What makes bitterness such a particularly powerful temptation?
2. How does guilt function as a form of divine discipline?
3. What are the limitations of our perspective, as we look upon God's dealings with others?









