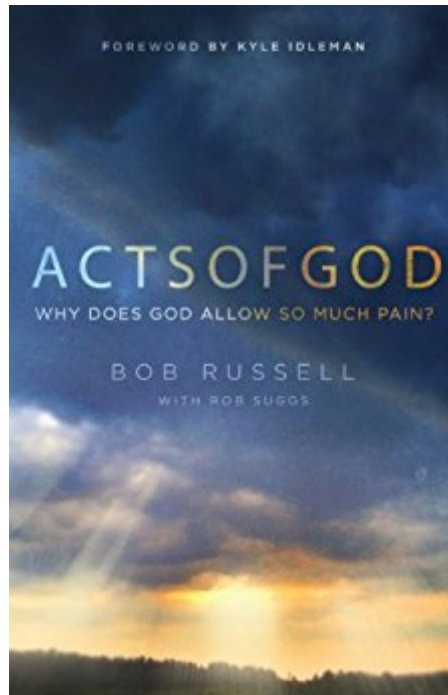


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Acts Of God: Why Does God Allow So Much Pain?



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“Why God? Why did you let this happen? Why do you allow so much pain?” Be it a job loss, illness, or loss of a spouse or child, these are questions we’ve all had. It’s as much a cry as a question; a wound; a shout of betrayal of all the rules of life and fairness as you knew them. Bob Russell offers no trite platitudes to answer the questions in Acts of God, the accompaniment book to the Acts of God videos and curriculum. Instead, through the biblical story of Joseph, he provides assurance that we are in a bigger story than the pain, suffering, and trials tell us we’re in. Whether you’re in the middle of suffering, processing something from your past, or seeking answers to the suffering you see around you, Acts of God shows a way back to hope; hope in God that brings hope to our circumstances.

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One of the best books I’ve ever read. My husband has cancer and has suffered so greatly, this book has given us much needed wisdom which strengthens us. I will keep this book and re-read it always. Sometimes truth is hard to swallow but none the less it is truth and with that a Peace follows.

Thank you Bob Russell.

“Why does God allow so much pain?” is the subtitle of this book that attempts to address a question with no simple solutions. The author uses the Biblical account of Joseph to illustrate how God works behind the scenes to redeem what appears on the surface to be terrible circumstances. His theological stance seems to be that God allows but does not cause most suffering, which is the inevitable result of living in a fallen world, where the devil intends evil and personal sin leads to disastrous consequences. However, the author’s goal is not to convince the reader of this, but rather to focus on the good that can come from pain and the closer walk with God that results from trusting Him. Topics such as trials and temptations, waiting, discouragement, aging, family problems, injustice, and forgiveness are provided the crux of each chapter. Joseph’s story is tied together with each main point the author conveys to paint a picture of the significant rewards of obedience and perseverance in times of trouble. Occasional statements are made without adequate Scriptural references (like the common idea that believers face demonic attack to the degree that they are being used by God). After reading other authors tackling a similar theme (notably C. S. Lewis and Philip Yancey) this one was only mediocre to me in its overall organization and style. With all due respect, I realize that Bob Russell is an accomplished writer, pastor, speaker, and ministry leader. As an avid reader of up to 50 books per year, I have developed a very critical eye for what appeals to my own heart and mind. Required Federal Trade Commission disclaimer: I was provided a complimentary copy of this book by the publisher through the Moody Press blogger review program in exchange for an honest appraisal.

Just starting the book ,but wanted to correlate it with the study guide? confusing--book has 12 chapters/ how did you condense the dvd & study guide for small group discussions for 6 segments? I’m asking for suggestions! thanks

There is so much pain because every action has a reaction. My 14 year old son was killed by an automobile . He was in the highway at a spot which the driver did not see in time to stop. My question, or perhaps my dilemma is ‘can God’s presence bring solace in the agony of the loss of my son?’ And the answer for me is ‘yes’. He does not ask me not to grieve, but holds me close to His heart as I grieve. This book leads me through the history of God’s faithful action through thousands of years of His continual presence in both tragedy and triumph. Thank you Pastor Russell for your testimony.

The author, Bob Russell, does not use platitudes to answer the question of why God allows so much Pain. Instead he is up front and honest that we all will go through times of darkness and pain. It is up to us to allow God to be part of our journey and to allow God to draw us closer to Him, to trust in Him and allow Him to use the pain to not only grow us in faith, but also to use it for His purpose in our lives and others. Sometimes God "does" allow us to go through things that we cannot do "alone". We need Him.

Answers a lot of unanswered questions but most of all the question "Why does God allow so much pain?" It's not so much a clear cut answer as it is finding peace looking at the life of Joseph in the Old Testament. I would recommend it to anyone. Whether you have suffered a tragedy in your life or not you may some day and this will help prepare you. Or buy it so you can help someone who has suffered a tragedy on their life and are looking to you for hope and assurance.

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Sooner or later, everyone asks the question, "Why God?" This book attempts to answer the question, although recognising there is no easy answer. The opening chapter tries to answer the question, but fails to give a satisfactory explanation to the reader. I'm not sure there is one. However the book goes, with strategies to deal with the "suicide missions" that life throws at us, and overcoming the pain that crises bring. The book has chapters on dealing with the pain that occurs around the home and with relationships, particularly in troubled homes. It goes on to deal with sin and temptation in other areas of our lives. Written with stories to give examples, and Scriptures to support their advice the book is easy to read. Having said that, I didn't find it useful, although I am not going through pain at the moment. Neither did I think it would be all that comforting for someone going through suffering. The book does however offer some hope to people, which may make it helpful to those seeking answers.

Acts of God is a book about suffering and answers a big question: why do some things happen/why would God allow this? I would recommend watching the movie and reading this book.

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