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WK.1 WHY IS THE WORLD SO MESSED UP?
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On this six-week journey we will explore the answers to some of life's most difficult questions. Even though we will still be left with questions in the end, as we pursue God, He will reveal Himself to us in many ways. Whether you're a deeply committed follower of Christ or someone just beginning a spiritual journey, this series will help you explore the answers to the questions you're asking or being asked by others.

Today we are going to focus on the question "Why Is the World So Messed Up?"

SIN IS THE REASON FOR EVIL IN THE WORLD.

Sin is any attitude or action against God.

Everything on the planet has been damaged, injured, or corrupted in some way by the entry of evil into the world.

Sin is a Universal Problem.

Romans 3:23, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

HOW DOES SIN AFFECT OUR WORLD?

Natural disasters and deformities

Physical decay and death

Relational distance and discord

Spiritual discontentment and darkness

WHY DOES GOD ALLOW ALL OF THIS?

To give us a choice

To show us our need for a savior.

It's to demonstrate His grace.

HOW TO SURVIVE IN A MESSED UP WORLD?

Believe God is not finished.

Romans 8:28, And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Know that you are not alone.

Romans 8:35-39, Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Trust that there will come a day.

Revelations 21:3-4, And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

FINAL THOUGHTS

This world is pretty messed up and we don't understand everything that is going on but we have to trust, that God is in control.

Philippians 2:15, Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. (message)