

GROWING IN FAITH



Scripture

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

- Deuteronomy 30:19-20

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

- Romans 8:28

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1. Has anyone ever said to you, "Everything happens for a reason."

Have you ever said that to someone else?

How did it make you feel?

Did it comfort you or cause you frustration?

2. One of our state legislators recently seemed to imply that rape and incest were a part of God's will while discussing a bill to limit abortions.

Does God "ordain" terrible things to happen in our world?

If not, what causes bad things to happen?

3. In the Deuteronomy 30 scripture in this lesson Moses tells God's people they have a choice to make about their lives. They can choose life or death.

Do we have free will to make choices or does God's plan override that?

How does God intervene in this world?