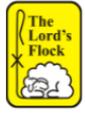


# Why, Why, Why? Why not?

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Christians often question the Lord during times of trial. Many cry out, "Why me?" when faced with a difficult task or a problem too heavy to carry. As Christians, we are not immune to pain and hardship, especially when we have asked God to change us. The apostle Peter reminds us not to be surprised when trials come, for they are part of our participation in the suffering and salvation of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 4:12–13). Therefore, Christians must learn to trust God when trials and pains arrive.

#### Biblical Characters Who Asked God "Why?"

**1. Habakkuk (Hab. 1–2).** The prophet Habakkuk witnessed Israel's suffering under enemy attacks. He asked the Lord why He seemed silent during their long affliction. God responded that His answer would come at the appointed time (Hab. 2:3). God asserts His will in His perfect timing.

**2. Jeremiah (Jer. 1:1–7).** Jeremiah was terrified when God called him to be a prophet to the nations. He asked "why?" as he thought he was too young and unworthy. God assured him that He would be with him wherever he went.

**3. Isaiah (Isa. 6:5).** Isaiah felt completely inadequate when he saw God's glory. He cried out, confessing his unworthiness. Yet God purified him and prepared him for his mission.

**4. Moses (Ex. 3–4).** Moses struggled repeatedly with God's call. He questioned his ability, his speech, and his authority. Yet God remained with him and surrounded him with people, like Aaron, who helped him carry out God's work.

**5. Jesus Christ (Ps. 22; Mt. 27:46).** On the Cross, Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Yet even in agony, He trusted the Father's plan completely.

**6. Abraham (Gen. 17–18).** Abraham questioned God's promise of a son and even pleaded regarding the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. God patiently answered him and strengthened his faith.

**7. David (Psalms).** David often questioned God's presence, especially when enemies prospered or when he felt abandoned. Though chosen as king, he faced many hardships. His life teaches us that faith requires trusting God in every circumstance.

**8. Job.** Job was righteous and blameless, yet he was tested severely. His trials proved that genuine love for God is not based on blessings alone. Christians must understand that trials come regardless of status, but God is always aware of our struggles. We must keep our faith in Him.

#### Conclusion

Throughout Scripture, God's people asked "Why?"—and God never condemned them. Instead, He met them in their weakness, strengthened their faith, and revealed His purpose in His perfect time. Our questions do not offend God; they draw us closer to Him when we ask with humility and trust. And as we ask "Why?", God gently invites us to consider, "Why not?"—reminding us that His ways are higher than ours and His plans are always for our good.

#### Reflection:

1. When was the last time you asked God "Why?" and how did that moment shape your faith?
2. Which biblical character's struggle or question resonates most with your own journey, and why?
3. How can you shift from asking "Why me?" to trusting God's purpose in your trials, just as the saints and prophets did?

*Prayer: Father, we come before You with humble hearts, grateful for the reminder that even Your chosen servants once asked "Why?" and yet remained faithful. Teach us to trust You in the same way. In Jesus name. Amen."*

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