

## Why Are You Doing This to Me?

6/20/26

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
  - Title – “Why Are You Doing This to Me?”
  - It is a very important question – that deserves more than 35 minutes
  - In fact, I am going to ask 3 questions –
    - Hoping that you will take your personal time to consider all 3 questions
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- “Why” is a foundational question of life
    - Child – “Why did you do that, daddy?”
    - Teenager – “Why do I have to do that?”
      - “My best friend’s parents don’t have those rules”
      - “That is so lame” – “In fact, nobody has rules like that”
      - “Are you living in the year 2000?”
        - (People used to say the in the 1940s, 1960s, etc.)
    - Young adult – “Why should I consider what my parents are saying?”
      - Changing jobs – Buying a car – Buying a house – etc.
    - Older age – “Why should I consider what my children are saying?”
      - Slowing down – Health
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- Foundational scripture in 1 Peter 4
    - Contrasting a difference – between 2 main ideas
- 1 Peter 4:15      suffer for personal decisions  
16                    suffer as a Christian – (meaning you may be innocent)
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1. Why did those people do this to me?
- 1 Peter 5:8                    there is a spiritual adversary
- Please turn to Ezekiel 18
  - People mimic – bad behavior
    - People who are hurting – may be hurting you
    - People who were neglected – may be neglecting you
    - People who were ignored – may be ignoring you
    - People who were abused – may be abusing you
    - People who were attacked – may be attacking you

Ezek. 18:10-13 family sins  
14-17 the children can change the habits  
19-20 shouldn't the son bear the sins of the father? – No  
21 and the father can change  
Deut. 19:18-19 people who don't face consequences – learn bad behavior

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2. Why did I do this to myself?

Matt. 4:8-10 an adversary who is trying to trick you – by playing to your needs and desires  
Matt. 22:36-40 love God – love neighbor (as you love yourself)

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3. To God – Why are You doing this to me?

· Son of God

Matt. 26:39 if it possible – but your will be done  
42 if this cup cannot pass – your will be done

· Joseph

Gen. 50:20 God meant it for good – in order to bring to save many people

· Job

Job 1:1 blameless & upright – feared God and shunned evil  
Job 1:8-12 God gave Satan permission – with limitations  
Job 2:3-6 God gave Satan permission – with limitations  
Job 3:1 before 3 friends – Job cursed the day he was born  
Job 9:33 wanted a mediator – I don't want to talk to You  
Job 33:8-11 Job complained about God  
Job 40:2 Job contended with the Almighty  
Job 42:5 now, my eye sees you