

THE *Big 3*

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When we stand face-to-face with God, some day, we will get a fuller answer and understanding to his ways and ultimate purposes in this world. Right now we have a great opportunity to show God's great love and generosity in light of those in great need.

Here are three key things to believe and consider:

1. **Know that God is always in control and aware of your needs.** Nothing is outside of God's sovereign design and power. We don't always fully understand his ways, but we know that he is present with his children in all things. *"I have surely seen the affliction of my people . . . and have heard their cry" (Exodus 3:7). "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4)*
2. **Believe that he is truly working all things for your good (everyone's good) and most importantly, his glory.** If we understand and believe the gospel, we know that all of life is designed to show God's ultimate glory (what he is truly like). Simple, trite answers or explanations for what has happened may not make sense to those without God's Spirit. Gentleness and humility in all of this will glorify God and help others understand his heart.
3. **When you see need in the world, ask God to show you how you can specifically OR generally help out.** Help the people involved...with money, with encouragement, with refuge or defense. Start with prayer. Pray for the physical, emotional and relational needs of the people. Pray for God to righteously motivate your heart to help in any way he would have you show his love.

Will you join Caesar and Heath by heading over to Samaritan's Purse, right now, and making a donation to help? Every bit helps a family in need:

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