



**DOES GOD UNDERSTAND MY
PAIN AND SUFFERING?
ISAIAH 53:2-13**

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK:

- “If God is really “Abba-Father,” our “Loving Daddy,” how can He allow His children...?”
- “Why does God permit pain and suffering when He could easily end it?”
- “Does God understand my pain and suffering?”
- “Does God even care?”



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- **JESUS WAS NO STRANGER TO PAIN AND SUFFERING.**



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- Vs. 1-2 “...*nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*”
- **The Jews were eager for a powerful ruler, but they see no beauty in Jesus, the carpenter of Galilee despite His good works.**





- Vs. 5- *“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. .”*
- **Christ’s suffering actually is for us, that we might be healed by His wounds.**






- **UP TO NOW, PEOPLE REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS SACRIFICIAL AND SELFLESS ACT ON OUR BEHALF.**




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• **WHEN WE CRY OUT TO CHRIST, HE UNDERSTANDS YOUR PAIN AND SUFFERING BECAUSE HE ENDURED THE SAME. (Isaiah 53:2-13)**



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- **THE BIBLE NEVER SUGGESTS THAT OUR EXPERIENCE OF PAIN AND SUFFERING WILL BE “FAIR.”**

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- **WHEN TRAGEDY HAPPENS, IT IS NOT CAUSED BY GOD, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW YOURSELF FAITHFUL.**



- **BELIEVERS MUST EXPECT SUFFERING AS JESUS CHRIST FORETOLD. (LUKE 21:16-17)**



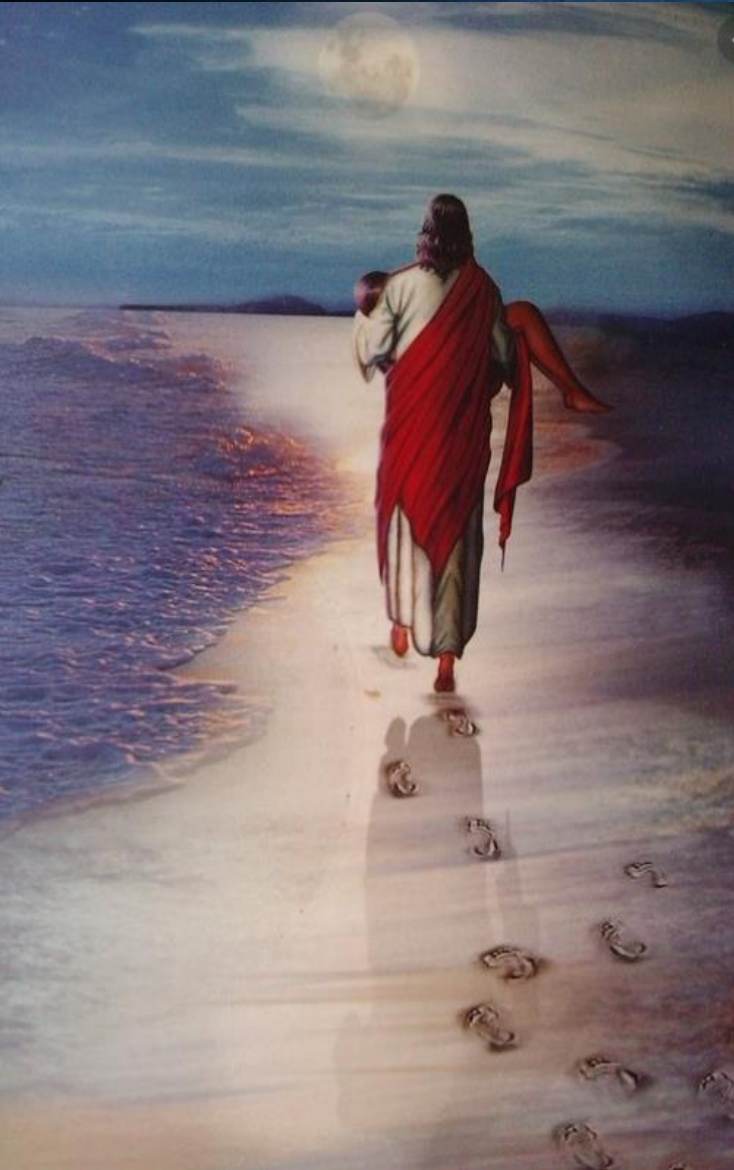
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FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND – 2 SETS



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“The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you.”



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- **GOD WEEPS WHEN YOU WEEP.
GOD SUFFER WHEN YOU SUFFER.**
- **(JOHN 11:35)**



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I CORINTHIAN 10:13 (THE MESSAGE)

- “No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; He’ll never let you be pushed past your limit; He’ll always be there to help you come through it.”



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- “Suffering, if accepted in humility and trust and love, can repair the weaknesses of a person’s character and add the greatness which so far is not there.” - William Barclay
- **ONLY THAT WE MAY REACH OUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL.**



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