



WHERE IS GOD IN OUR PAIN? | WEEK 1

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Heaven isn't just the _____ destination _____ – it's the
_____ motivation _____.

Colossians 3:1-2

Matthew 13:44

5 things you may not know about Heaven...

1. Heaven is not our final destination – the new Earth is. (Revelation 21:1-4)
2. We will have physical, resurrected bodies. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)
3. We won't just "worship forever" in a church service. (Matthew 25:21)
4. There will be food in heaven! (Isaiah 25:6-8)
5. Animals will be there! (Isaiah 11:6-9)

It's difficult to hold on to the hope of Heaven when we feel overwhelmed by the brokenness of Earth.

Key points from the 2020 Barna Report:

- In 2000, 45% of Americans identified as practicing Christians.
- By 2020, that number had dropped to 25%.
- This represents a decline of approximately **40 million people** in that 20-year span.
- **Human suffering** was the top reason why people walked away from God and the Church.

What should we do when life causes us to slip and fall?

1. Blame _____ Satan _____ before you blame _____ God _____.

Genesis 3:6-7

"Before they left the garden, God whispered a promise to Adam and Eve: 'It will not always be so! I will come to rescue you! And when I do, I'm going to do battle against the snake. I'll get rid of the sin and the dark and the sadness you let in here. I'm coming back for you!'" – Sally Lloyd-Jones

2. Look for the " _____ good _____ " in life.

James 1:17

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Being thankful in all circumstances has nothing to do with how we feel.

It is a decision to believe He's good, even when life isn't.

3. Don't drop the _____ mic _____.

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world." – C.S. Lewis

2 Corinthians 1:4

James 4:14

If heaven is the motivation, what will you do with your pain today?



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