

## John 16:33

## Hard Answers:

- 1) Some of the harsh things in this world is because God is simply **ENFORCING JUSTICE**.
- 2) Our choices have CONSEQUENCES.
  - Galatians 6:7

## Head Answers:

- 1) God is **NOT** the creator of Evil & Suffering.
  - 2 kinds of evil:
  - MAN-MADE evil
  - NATURAL evil
    - $\rightarrow$  Genesis 3:17
    - $\rightarrow$  Romans 8:22
- 2) Though suffering isn't good, God can use it to accomplish GOOD.
  - God does this in 4 different ways:
    - A) God can use pain to **DRAW PEOPLE** to Himself.
    - B) God can use trials to sharpen OUR CHARACTER & make us more like Jesus.
      - Romans 5:3
      - Hebrews 5:8
    - C) God uses trials to discipline **<u>HIS CHILDREN</u>** to teach them the right path.
      - Hebrews 12:10-11
    - D) God can use trials to bring about GOOD.
      - Romans 8:28
      - Genesis 50:20
- 3) The day is coming when suffering will **<u>CEASE</u>** & evil will be <u>JUDGED</u>.
  - 2 Peter 3:9
- 4) Any suffering we experience in this life pales in comparison to the **<u>GOOD</u>** God has in store for His followers.
  - 2 Corinthians 11:23-27; 2 Corinthians 4:17
  - Romans 8:18; 1 Corinthians 2:9

## Heart Answer:

- 1) God promises to **WALK WITH US** in our pain & suffering, if we let Him.
  - Isaiah 42:5
  - John 16:33