

WHEN IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Introduction: Fairy tales end with "and they lived happily ever after." Some people seem to have a "fairy tale life." Most people do not. A lot in life just doesn't make sense for there are tragedies, heartaches and we are perplexed and in despair.

TEXT: "Perplexed but NOT in despair!" Who hasn't been touched by senseless injustices, diseases, injuries, deaths.

- Remember Job in the Old Testament? He was perplexed as so much was happening to him.
- Remember John the Baptist? He was perplexed over Jesus.

God says "*..some things are given us to know...*" (*Matthew 13:11*); "*..some things are not for us to know..*" (*Acts 1:7*)

Most of us fail to learn a lot of things we could know by trying to find out what we cannot know. Ever wonder why God put all the vitamins in spinach instead of delicious Key Lime pie?

When things don't make sense, the answer is NOT by explanation, but by REVELATION.

1. Because things don't make sense to us does not mean they don't make sense at all.
 - Remember Joseph and what happened to him? God meant it for good but Joseph and Jacob didn't understand it being good at all.
 - Ever see somebody embroidery? The backside is a tangled mess with no logical sense but the front side shows a beautiful pattern.
 - In our Christian life, we see only the tangled side, but God sees the beautiful side.
2. Because some things don't make sense to us now, doesn't mean that they will never make sense, ever.
 - When cooking a recipe, do you serve each ingredient separately or do you combine them all as you cook and in the end everything is all cooked up together and served as a single serving?
 - There are things that happen to us as individual acts, but after God puts them all together, then "*...all things work to the good of them that love the Lord...*"
 - God's plan for our lives isn't determined by looking at isolated senseless events.
 - Remember the hymn, "We'll Understand it By and By?"
3. Things which don't make sense to ordinary reasoning can make sense to our Spiritual understanding.
 - If everything made sense all the time, then we would not need faith.
 - God allows things that don't make sense at the moment to make us grow in faith and trust in Him.
 - Our reaction most of the time to such "senseless" events is to grumble, complain, pout, be resentful, become bitter, put on a front, act like a "martyr," etc.
 - Sometimes, however, we accept the situation and look forward to what God will make of it.
 - Remember the Canaan wedding Jesus attended and the instructions He gave the attendants for supplying more wine for the wedding reception? Were those instructions logical, reasonable? What happened though? The best wine they ever had!

CONCLUSION:

1. God loves us and has plans for our lives. He sees the patterned side, we see the tangled side.
2. What we cannot understand, let us trust God to make it clear in His time.