

When Tragedy Strikes

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16 (ESV)

What are we to _____ when tragedies strike?

Three Tragedies Jesus Commented Upon

A. Luke 13:1-5 - Two tragedies, and what could be learned:

1. 13:1-3 - Pilate _____ some who had come to _____.
2. 13:4,5 - _____ were killed when a _____ fell upon them.
3. Did they suffer because they had _____?

B. John 9:1-3 - Another tragedy reviewed by Jesus:

1. A man had been _____ with _____. Who _____?
2. It was not because of _____, but that the _____ of God might be _____ in him.

Principles To Guide Us Through Tragedies

A. *Tragedies strike indiscriminately:*

1. Luke 13:2-4 - Were these who suffered _____ sinners?
That’s not the conclusion we should reach, _____ said.
2. Ecclesiastes 9:11 - The _____ is not always won by the _____. Time and _____ happen to all.
3. Ecclesiastes 2:14 - A person is not spared troubles because he is _____. The _____ event happens to all.

B. *Tragedies can show the goodness of God:*

1. John 9:3 - The man’s _____ provided an opportunity to show _____’s _____.
2. Philippians 4:10,14-19 - When they had an _____ they responded powerfully to Paul’s _____.
3. Galatians 6:10 - Will we have _____ to do _____?

C. *The Lord is with us in our tragedies:*

1. John 11:33 - When Jesus saw them _____, He was “_____”. Another word for that: _____.
2. Hebrews 4:15,16 - In our time of _____ we can draw near to Christ’s _____ to receive _____ and _____.
3. Matthew 28:20 - When Jesus was about to _____, He assured His followers - “I am _____ you _____.”

God doesn’t always _____ us from tragedies. But these truths help us as we deal with difficult times.

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