

ROMANS

CRITICAL GRACE THEORY

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But God...

The Bible is a Story of **But God** Moments when in contrast to Natural Outcomes, God's Intervenes into time & Space

In the Ministry we've encountered Trials **But God** in contrast to allowing the Natural Outcomes, graciously Intervened!

Some Biblical Reasons for Trials

- 1- We Live in a Fallen World and are in a Spiritual War with the Evil One
[Luke 4:6](#); [John 10:10](#), [Eph 6:12](#), [1 Jn 2:16](#)
- 2- For the Strengthening One's Faith:
[James 1:2-3](#)
- 3- For Repentance, Spiritual Renewal & Revival
[Dan 12:9-10](#); [Rev 9:20,21](#)
- 4- For God's Glory ([Ezk. 38:23](#); [John 9:3](#))

Some Focal Points When You Face Trials

- ❖ Focus on Today and Don't look Back to ask the question: Why God?
- ❖ Focus on the Word of God to Hear His Voice speaking through the Scriptures!
- ❖ Focus on What You know to be True from the Bible about the Character of God who is:
 - ETERNAL ([Rms 11:33](#); [Rev 1:8,22:13](#))
 - IMMUTABLE ([Psalm 102:25-28](#))
 - OMNISCIENT ([Psalm 139:1-6](#))
 - OMNIPRESENT ([Psalm 139: 7-12](#))
 - OMNIPOTENT ([Jer. 31:17,18,26,27](#))

- SOVEREIGN (1 Chron. 29:11-13)
- TRANSCENDENT (Psalm 113:4,5)
- JUST (Psalm 75:1-7)
- WISE (Proverbs 3:19,20)
- WRATHFUL vs Wickedness (Nahum 1:2-8)
- FAITHFUL (Psalm 89:1-8)
- GOOD (Ps 119:65-72)
- GRACIOUS (Ephesians 1:5-8)
- HOLY (Rev 4:8-11)
- LOVE (1 John 4:7-10)
- MERCIFUL (Lamentations 3:22,23)

❖ **Trust God in the Trials & be Comfortable as an Agnostic**

- ““For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.”
Isaiah 55:8-9 NASB

❖ **Trust that Even though God doesn't always remove trials He will keep His Promises.**

- 2 Cor. 12:8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness!”.

❖ **Pray & Seek the Prayers of Others (Rev 5:8)**

❖ **Walk Humbly before the Lord & Give Him the Glory!**