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Philosophical-Abstract Question:

Where is God? (Does he exist?)

Personal Question:

Why is this happening to me?

Pastoral Question:

How can I possibly get thru this?

Why Should We Believe in God?

(Sept. 16, 2018)

**Why Would a Loving God
Allow So Much Suffering?**

(Sept. 27, 2018)

1) We have a God we can complain to.

*Each day new widows howl, new orphans cry, and
new sorrows slap heaven in the face,*

Macbeth – Act 4 Scene 3
William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,

So far from my cries of anguish?

² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

by night, but I find no rest.

Psalm 22:1-2 (NIV 2011)

23 Awake, Lord! Why do you sleep?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever.

24 Why do you hide your face

and forget our misery and oppression?

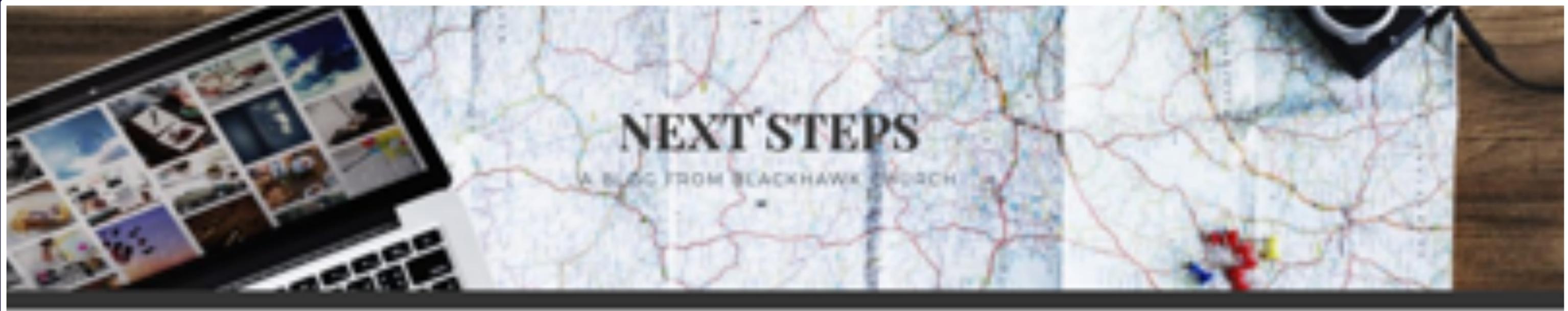
Psalm 44:23-24 (NIV 2011)

¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18 (NIV 2011)

*“It is no part of the Christian vocation, then, to be able to explain what’s happening and why. In fact, it **is** part of the Christian vocation **not to be able** to explain-and lament instead.”*

N.T. Wright – Time, March 29, 2020.



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RECOMMENDED RESOURCES



**2) We have a God who can
sympathize with us.**

¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them,
fully human in every way, in order that he might
become a merciful and faithful high priest in service
to God...

Hebrews 2:17 (NIV 2011)

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15 (NIV 2011)

**3) We have a God who wants to
empower us.**

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches **he may strengthen you with power** through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NIV 2011)

**4) We have a God who wants to
give us the prize.**

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead... Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win **the prize** for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:10-11, 14 (NIV 2011)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me **will never die**. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26 (NIV 2011)

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14 (NIV 2011)

9 However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,

what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived”—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV 2011)

- 1) We have a God who we can complain to.
- 2) We have a God who can sympathize with us.
- 3) We have a God who wants to empower us.
- 4) We have a God who wants to
give us the prize.

4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like the Lord our God,
the One who sits enthroned on high,
6 who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?

Psalm 113:4-6 (NIV 2011)

Take a moment to praise God for who He is, or some aspect of His character that you've been clinging to over the past few weeks

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

His love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1 (NIV 2011)

Take a moment to pause and consider –

“What do we have to be thankful for today?”

Pray for the global Church to serve and love others with compassion, shining a light for Christ into a broken and hurting world