

# Get the big Picture

Because God is our heavenly Father, He has in mind only that which a loving parent would have in mind for His children.

But – through our immaturity or lack of understanding – we may complain about some personal calamity and cry, “Where is God? Why has He allowed this?”

Our response is like that of the little girl who was taken by her mother to the doctor for an injection.

The child knew only that it hurts. It’s a fearful thing and she wants no part of it.

She may even have thought that her mother was being mean and uncaring!

As an immature child she couldn’t see the bigger picture.

She focused instead on the immediate pain and her attempts to avoid it.

It’s a bit like that when, in adult life, we take too narrow a view of our present situation.

The apostle Paul, who knew all about suffering, explained that “all things work together for good to those who love God” Romans 8.28.

Physically disabled people often have far greater faith in God than the able-bodied.

This is because they have stepped back to see the bigger picture. They know that whatever happens, our lives are under the control of a loving, caring God.

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## GOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

God wants us to let our circumstances shape our character.

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