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The Problem of Evil

I have reflected on this great question with you before. A search of world literature provides no acceptable and conclusive answer to why there is so much evil around us. But people of faith (that's us) have some insight on this problem. We believe that Christ has conquered evil and set us free from its grasp. But, at times we all wonder...

This week I want to share a piece of writing that a parishioner sent me that speaks to the issue in a powerful way. It's called: God's cake...

“Sometimes we wonder, 'What did I ever do to deserve this?' or 'Why did God have to do this to me?' Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, 'Absolutely Mom, I love your cake.'

'Here, have some cooking oil,' her Mother offers.

'Yuck' says her daughter.

'How about a couple raw eggs?' 'Gross, Mom!'

'Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?'

'Mom, those are all yucky!'

To which the mother replies: 'Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!'

“God works the same way. Many times we wonder why God would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when all these things are put in God's order, they always work for good! We just have to trust the Almighty and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!”

God is crazy about us. If God had a refrigerator, our pictures would be proudly placed upon it. God sends us flowers every spring, which we look forward to; a sunrise every morning. Whenever we want to talk, God will listen. And you know, God can live anywhere in the universe, and God chooses our hearts.”

Isn't that good? I liked it a lot. It reminds me of one of my favorite Scripture quotes from Paul's letter to the Romans: “God makes all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His plan. (cf. Romans: 8:28)

Have a good week.
