How To Deal With A World Of Hurt

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I. God Hasn't Told Us Everything

<u>1</u> Corinthians 13:12, For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

Until We Are Complete We Must Do Three Things:

1. TRUST STEADILY IN GOD

- 2. <u>HOPE</u>
- 3. LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY

II. God Isn't The Author Of Evil

Genesis 1:31, God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

<u>James 1:13.</u> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone;

Evil In The World Comes In Two Different Forms:

1. MORAL EVIL: MAN'S INHUMANITY 95%

2. NATURAL EVIL 5%

III. God Is Not Controlling This World

<u>1</u> John 5:19, We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

<u>2 Thessalonians 2:7.</u> For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

1. THE EVIL ONE IS A LIAR AND A MURDERER

2. WHY IS THERE ANY GOOD AT ALL

3. GOD IS RESTRICTING EVIL

IV. God Can Use Pain For Our Good

<u>2</u> Corinthians 7:10, Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

V. Some Day He Will Bring It All To An End

Romans 8:21. that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<u>Revelation 20:12</u>, And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

Revelation 21:3-4. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."