



WORD OF LIFE  
FAMILY CHURCH'S

## WHEN TRAGEDY STRIKES

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### Opening Question:

- When you were a child, what was something challenging that you overcame, and how did accomplishing that make you feel? (This could be learning to ride a bike, overcoming a fear, etc.)

### General Observation:

- It was discussed how we, as believers should respond to tragedy. What part of the message about facing tragedy resonated most with you?

- In the sermon, we mentioned that some things are mysteries we cannot explain. How do you typically respond when facing situations that don't have clear answers?

### Understanding the Message:

- The sermon referenced 2 Corinthians 4:4, which states that "The God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers..." What does this verse tell us about the source of evil in our world?

- In John 17:15, Jesus prayed for protection from the evil one rather than removal from the world. How does this prayer challenge the idea that Christians should be exempt from difficulties?

- Pointing to Paul's sufferings as evidence that following God doesn't guarantee an easy life. What examples of Paul's sufferings can you recall from Scripture, and what can we learn from his response to them?

### Personal Application:

1. The sermon outlined four ways we should respond to tragedy: not quitting, forgiving, praying more, and turning bad situations for good. Which of these responses is most challenging for you personally, and why?

2. In Ephesians 6:12, Paul reminds us that "our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against... spiritual forces of evil." How might this perspective change the way you view the people involved in tragic situations?

3. The it was emphasized that we shouldn't let bitterness win. Have you ever experienced a situation where forgiveness seemed impossible? How did you work through those feelings?

### Action Steps:

- The sermon mentioned using tragedy as an opportunity to lead others to Christ. What is one conversation you could initiate this week with someone who might be questioning life's meaning in light of difficult circumstances?

- Choose one area where the enemy might be trying to discourage your faith, and decide on a specific action to stand firm against that discouragement.

### Let's Pray:

Lord, we acknowledge that we live in a broken world where tragedy & suffering are real. Thank You that You don't leave us alone in our pain. Give us the strength not to quit when facing difficulties but to stand firm in our faith. Help us to forgive as Jesus did on the cross when He said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing". Teach us to pray more fervently, And Lord, show us how to drawing others to Your love & salvation. We trust You even when we don't understand, knowing that You are working all things together for good for those who love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.