



## PART 3: PEOPLE LOOKING FOR ANSWERS

Life's trouble drives us to ask why, but Jesus invites us to "take heart." In a broken world, he doesn't remove the pain—he walks with us through it and shows us how to move forward with courage and trust.

### CONNECT

If you could ask God anything, what would it be?

### LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week to further explore what you talked about today.

### APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Why do you think we instinctively ask, "Why?," when something bad happens but rarely when something good happens?
2. Andy contrasts two explanations for suffering:
  - The world is broken, and we're in it.
  - Nothing has meaning—everything is random.

Which do you think people are more likely to live out? Why?

3. When you're overwhelmed, what helps you stand firm instead of spiraling or shutting down?
4. Where are you currently experiencing trouble? Maybe it's something external or something you may have contributed to yourself. What would it look like, practically, to "take heart" rather than surrender to trouble in that area?



## BEFORE NEXT TIME

Identify one place where trouble feels like it's defining your story.

Ask yourself: What would it look like to trust Jesus here and follow his lead through this?

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## PRAY

*Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your son into this world. Thank you that he didn't dodge trouble but just walked right up to it and invited it into the room. Would you give us the courage to pursue you in trouble? And bring all of us to the place where our faith is mature, and the trouble in our world doesn't dissuade us from faith but creates a story that maybe somebody else needs to hear. Amen.*