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If there is a higher power, why are we suffering so much?

(Prewriting- Making a List)

The choice we make cause suffering

Sin leads to suffering

Suffering produces character

Suffering makes us stronger

Suffering allows us to help other get through their suffering

We live in an imperfect world

Suffering allows us to rely on Jesus for strength, joy, peace, and the ability to persevere.

We suffer for reasons for a bigger purpose

Jesus suffered

We do not follow Gods principles

Everyone suffers for different reasons, but we all have suffering in common

It allows us empathetic towards one another

Thesis

Suffering is inevitable, we live in an imperfect world with imperfect people because we experience suffering, we also get to know strength, wisdom, and gratitude.

Outline

Strength

Suffering makes us stronger.

Suffering produces character

Strength to help others through their suffering

Understanding/Wisdom

Rely on Jesus

To make better decisions

We live in an imperfect world

Gratitude

Grateful for the good after experience suffering

Jesus love for us and choosing to suffer for us -eternal life

Jesus does not leave us in our suffering but uses it for our betterment

First Draft

Have you ever found yourself questioning life? Why am I going through this right now and if there is a God, why is he allowing this to happen to me? What has brought me to this place of suffering? Please understand you are not alone. Everyone experiences suffering, on many occasions to different degrees. Suffering is inevitable but because we experience suffering, we also get to know strength, wisdom, and gratitude.

Although it seems hard to believe, how can something that has caused great pain also result in strength. The person that has asked these questions has now come to realize this in fact is true. Suffering makes people stronger. There was a girl named Stacey and she faced suffering in her relationship. He was abusive both physically and emotionally. She thought she loved him until she realized "this isn't love". She gained the courage to finally leave the relationship. She now sees her worth and knows she deserves better. She has become an advocate for those who have suffered in the way she has. Stacey has allowed her suffering to be her strength.

When you have suffered you gain a new understanding of life and the choices you make become intentional. With suffering comes wisdom. Understand we live in an imperfect world made up of imperfect people. We should rely on Jesus(insert more details)

Lastly a heart of gratitude. Have you ever looked back on all you have been through and ironically become grateful to experience such suffering? No one enjoys the suffering, but you become grateful for it because you realize how much it taught you. That higher power-Jesus has also suffered. He has suffered so that we can experience a place of no suffering. Jesus does not leave us in our suffering but uses it for our betterment. (Insert verse)

