

That's not in the bible: Week 2

“Everything Happens for a reason”

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Theological determinism is the view that God determines every event that occurs in the history of the world.

Everything is caused by *something*

Big Idea: Everything does happen for a reason. But God isn't the reason everything happens.

Two things humans don't like: MYSTERY and SILENCE

Romans 8:28 (CSB)

²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

God is not to BLAME.

Romans 8:22-24 (CSB)

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. ²³ Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan

within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ Now in this hope we were saved, but hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees?

Romans 8:26-27 (CSB)

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us^[a] with inexpressible groanings. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that IN all things (NIV)

No matter what happens, God is at work IN the lives of those who **BELIEVE**.

Misinterpretation leads to 2 issues

1. It leads to FATALISM.
2. It leads to EXCUSE.

God doesn't make everything happen, but He CAN weave His PURPOSE into everything that happens.