

**I Thessalonians 5:18 –**

*Be thankful in all circumstances,  
for this is God's will for you who  
belong to Christ Jesus.*

Blessed Be Your Name

**Psalm 32:1**

*Oh, what joy  
for those whose disobedience  
is forgiven,  
whose sin  
is put out of sight!*

# 6 EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON



When people believe that God is the direct cause of everything that happens, they sit inside the cages of their minds searching ...

# EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON

Charlie Brown

Lucy

and

the Football

Kick Off

'WHY?'



When people search for  
the silver lining, they  
take their eyes off Christ...

WHAT IF...?



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What about the  
consequences  
of our  
own  
self-inflicted  
wounds?

Proverbs 19:3

God doesn't cause sin.

God doesn't use sin.

God **overcame**

**Sin**

that's what **GrACe** does!



## Samson & Delilah Judges 14-16

Samson gave in to Delilah's manipulation. Delilah chose to use her relationship with Samson for her own gain.

LIES, DECEPTION, BETRAYAL

When it comes to  
the consequences  
of the *FALL*, we aren't  
offered immunity.

**WE  
ARE OFFERED  
ETERNITY!**





**Where's God when all HELL breaks loose?**



While it is true that natural disasters in the world certainly do not happen without God's purposes at work (Romans 8:28), we must remember that—apart from the specific revelation of God's will in His Word—God's ways are hidden to us.

(LCMS)

As God's Children,  
we know and trust  
that God's wrath against sin  
has been fully satisfied  
through the life, suffering,  
and death of Jesus Christ  
on our behalf .

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9-10

What  
about  
cancer?



God is in control.  
God is Good—All the Time!  
He is not the direct cause of  
everything that happens.

Every trial or hardship  
calls for:

Obedience and  
Clinging to the Cross of Christ.

It is not our job  
to search for the purpose.

Can we assume that we know  
why God allows trials in our life?

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:12-19

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*God at Work!*

Even the enemy's best shot  
cannot thwart  
God's Plan!

# Romans 8:28

The assurance of  
God's eternal  
decree

Can you, on your own,  
keep the balloons in  
your life from hitting  
the ground?



**In Control  
Managing  
MY  
Life**

What happens  
when we admit  
that apart from Christ  
we are powerless  
over the sin in our lives?

They look in **ALL** the **WRONG** places  
for explanations, for help, for reasons...

Trapped on an escalator

You Fail us, NOT !

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY2xkSCK7MI&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY2xkSCK7MI&feature=player_embedded)

# Who Is God? Who am I?

Psalm 139:17-18

Romans 5:12

Romans 1: 6-7

Romans 1: 16-17

# God's Love Our Response

John 14:15

Romans 12:15-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:14

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:12

By Your Side

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J95rAr0gOFU>

## Motivational Speech

Christ conquered sin, death, and the devil.  
His light removes the darkness in our lives.

We are called out of darkness  
into His marvelous LIGHT!

The Holy Spirit calls us by the Gospel Light,  
enlightens us with His gifts,  
and sanctifies and keeps us  
in the one True Faith!

We are gifted with vocations and  
equipped for the sharing of the Good News!

# Motivational Speech

No matter what we go through  
on this earth on this side of Heaven,  
God promises to be with us!

Emmanuel!

God With Us

Trust Him

Talk to Him

He is Risen; He is Alive!