



Barriers (part 1)
“How Could A Loving God Allow So
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- I. Suffering gets our _____.

- II. When Jesus _____...

- III. Jesus claims to be the _____ even
now.

Talk It Over

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SMALL TALK

1. Was there ever an occasion for you to question God’s love for not answering a prayer request about suffering?
2. What painful experience in your life resulted in joy?

VIEWPOINT

3. **READ John 16:17-33.** What does Jesus tell his disciples would happen to them? Why are they to take heart?
4. **READ John 11:17-37.** What did Martha say to Jesus who came after Lazarus had died? Why did Jesus weep even though he knew he was planning to raise Lazarus from the dead?
5. **READ 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.** What other unanticipated good thing can come out of your suffering?

GETTING PERSONAL

6. When do you tend to second-guess God?
7. How and when has God disappointed you? Where are you at with that experience now?
8. In your own words, how would you answer this “barrier” question (see title)?
9. What attitude of disappointment do you need to confess to God and change to trust in His sovereign control?

MAKING PROGRESS

10. How can you be a comfort to a struggling or hurting person this week?