

Dealing with *Why?* Questions

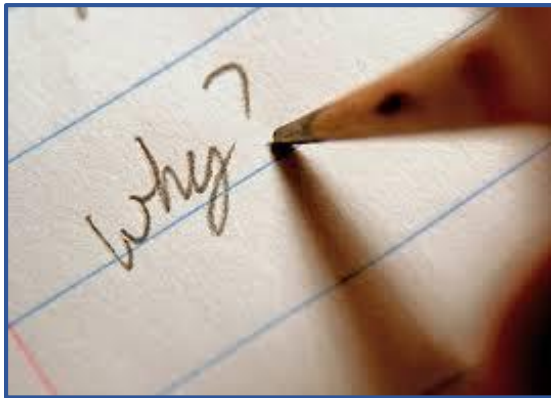
During my college days, in the journalism courses – and later in practice – six interrogative words had to be addressed in development of a news story. They are also commonly used in discourse between people.

They are: *Who? What? When? Where? Why?* and *How?*

Of these six, one is used more frequently than the others in times of personal anguish: *Why?* As an example, if someone chooses to take his or her life, the question is always: *Why?*

It is human nature to want to know why things happen the way they do.

And for Christians, *Why?* means: “Why did God allow it?”



The disciples of Jesus asked *Why?* questions more than once in their relationship with the Lord. But at no time did they wonder why more curiously than when their lives were in peril on the Sea of Galilee.

A huge storm had come up while they and Jesus were crossing the water. While they feared for their lives, Jesus napped calmly in the back of the boat. They wondered, “Why doesn’t Jesus do something?”

When Jesus finally calmed the storm, He had a *Why?* question for them: Why did they let their faith be overcome by fear (Matthew 4:40)?

If you have been asking God *Why?* questions lately and receiving no answers, stay focused by faith in Jesus. He will still the storm at the right time.

It’s OK to ask God why. It’s even better to wait for the answer in faith instead of fear.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (John 14:27 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter