# They failed to see the Father was working

Joh 5:10 ESV So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed."

Joh 5:17 ESV But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

# He is still working, a purpose & a plan

Isaiah 46:9-11 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. 10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. 11 From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.

## Not the counsel of nations nor the plans of men

Psa 33:10-11 ESV The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

## Not natural catastrophes

Psa 105:16-17 ESV When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, 17 he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

#### **Not the evil intentions of man**

Gen. 50: 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

#### Not religious or governmental leaders

Acts 2:23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

## Not religious or governmental leaders

Acts 4:27-28 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

#### Not religious or governmental leaders

Romans 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

The question is not "Why Does God Let This or that Happen?"

It is "What is God Doing?"

# Don't Miss It - The Father is Working

Joh 17:4 ESV I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

Eph 2:8-10 ESV For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.