

Why Doesn't God Do Something?

Rekindling – part 1

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- 1) My _____ perspective is not the same as His _____ perspective.
 - The LORD declares: 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. Isa 46:10 NIV
 - “For **my thoughts are not your thoughts**, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isa 55:8-9 NIV
- 2) We make _____ of _____, _____ and knowledge and treat them as _____.
 - But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see; they have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but they cannot smell; they have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but they cannot walk; nor can they utter a sound with their throats. Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them. Ps 115:4-8 NIV
 - “Those who cling to worthless idols **forfeit the grace** that could be theirs. Jonah 2:8 NIV
 - “Most middle class Americans worship their work, work at their play and play at their worship. The result is their lives and relationships fall apart faster that they can repair them and their lives resemble a cast o actors seeking a plot.” *Gordon Dahl*
- 3) We make idols of our _____ and think they can _____ us!
 - You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. John 5:39-40 NIV
- Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.” Mark 2:27-28 NIV
- 4) He has a _____ for your life, a _____ that is _____!
 - For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jer 29:11-14 NIV
 - Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God. Gal 6:14-16 NIV
- 5) Why don't you do something: _____, _____, _____?
 - Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” John 6:28-29 NIV
 - “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Ps 46:10 NIV
 - Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Gal 6:7-10 NIV