

Where was God when the Tsunami hit?

**Does a tragedy like the tsunami
prove that God cannot be both
powerful and loving?**


Many say yes.

**Did God look with horror or
delight when the tsunami hit?**

Three initial observations.

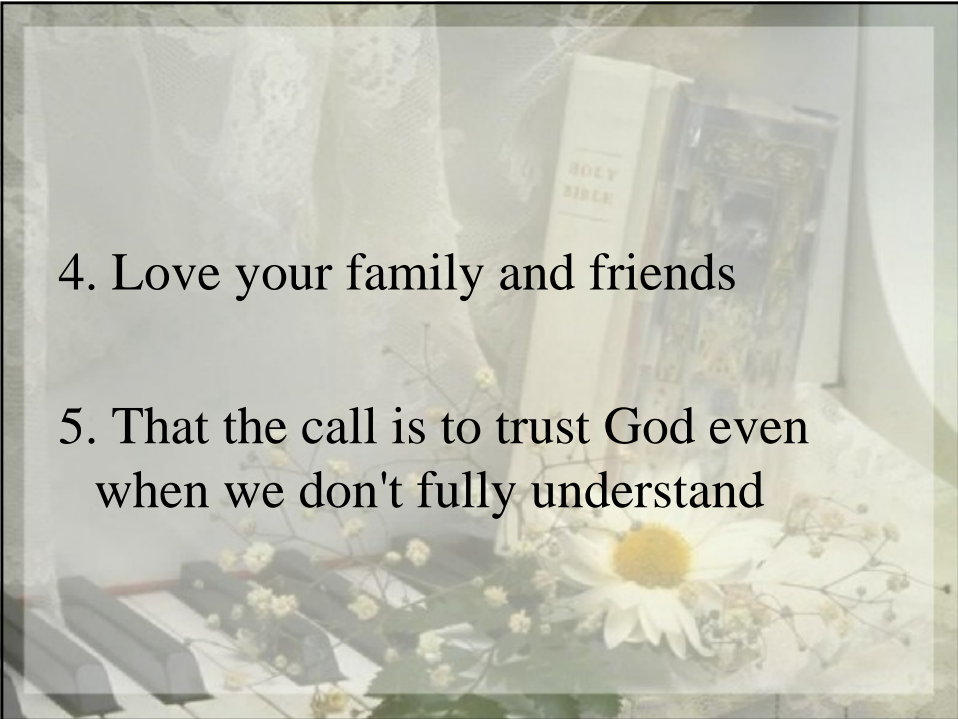
1. There will never be a satisfactory answer as to why tragedies happen
2. God is put on trial when things go wrong
3. Tragedies challenge our faith

1. God is sovereign - ultimately He is responsible for either planning or allowing tragedy But God is not responsible to us - eg the book of Job
2. When Christ came to earth God fully entered into the suffering of humanity
3. God is present in the acts of kindness and love being expressed



What can we learn from this?

1. That life is often more fragile than we think
2. That we are blessed to live in Australia
3. That we should resist the temptation to become self centred



4. Love your family and friends

5. That the call is to trust God even when we don't fully understand