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The Goodness of God And the Death of Charlie Kirk

The murder of Charlie Kirk has shaken our hearts and our nation. As we try to make sense of this evil, we must look first and foremost to God. This is a time when both theology and



God's presence bring sense and comfort in the face of senselessness and evil.

When Jesus's disciples were reeling at the news that He was going to die, He said, "*Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me*" (John 14:1). In the face of impending death and grief, Jesus called His disciples to faith. And so He does for His disciples today. He calls us to faith, that is, to trust and rely on the unchangeable truths of who He is and what He has promised.

God Is Good

We know this, but we must rehearse it to ourselves. When we are in the throes of senseless loss, Scripture reassures us that God's nature is unwavering. Jesus said, "*Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone*" (Luke 18:19). Surely, God is good, and His goodness is immutable.

But our world is marred by sin. Romans 3:10 declares, "*There is none righteous, not even one.*" And the prophet Isaiah warned, "*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!*" (Isaiah 5:20)

The vileness of those who celebrate Charlie Kirk's death is unimaginable. While we are shocked, we should not be entirely surprised. The Scriptures predict that evil is ever-present in this age, but that's not the whole story.



God Is Sovereign

Many people are crying out, "Why?" Yet we remember the story of Joseph, who endured betrayal and suffering at the hands of his own brothers. When reunited, Joseph professed trust in God's loving and sovereign purposes with these words, "*You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.*" (Genesis 50:20).

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Though we may not yet see God's purpose, we can trust that good will come of this. I have no doubt that Charlie Kirk's death will result in many lives being preserved unto eternal salvation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



God Will Triumph

Evil will not have the final word. Evil cannot and will not prevail. The Apostle Paul encouraged believers with these words:

“For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.” (Romans 16:19-20)

We know how this ends, so we never, ever despair. God is good. God is sovereign. God will triumph. In the meantime, we are called to faith; faith in the truth of the One who said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”

Finally, Jesus Himself offers us this enduring hope with a prediction, a command, and a promise: *“In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”* (John 16:33)



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The Goodness of God in Every Season

There are some things about God that feel so easy to say when life is smooth. When the paycheck comes on time, when the kids are happy, when the doctor gives you a clean bill of health, it almost rolls off the tongue: “God is good, all the time.” And of course, He is.

But what about when life turns upside down? When the test results bring fear instead of relief, when a friendship falls apart, or when grief shows up at your doorstep? In those moments, it takes something deeper than a slogan. It takes faith to keep believing that God is still good.



David understood this. In Psalm 27:13 he wrote, *“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”* That word remain is important. It suggests that hope is not automatic; it's a choice we keep making, even when circumstances are against us. David had plenty of reasons to despair—betrayal, enemies, years of hiding in caves—yet he chose to anchor his heart in God's goodness.

When things are going well, God's goodness feels obvious. It's like sunshine on your face—undeniable. We taste it in answered prayers, in the laughter of children, in daily provision, or even in the beauty of a sunrise. In those seasons

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it's easy to echo Psalm 34:8: *"Taste and see that the Lord is good."*

But when suffering comes, His goodness can feel hidden behind heavy clouds. Maybe you've asked questions like: If God is good, why am I hurting? Does He see me? Does He care? The Bible assures us He does. And He's not offended by our questions; He meets us with compassion in the middle of them.

Paul's reminder in Romans 8:28 steadies us: *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."*

He doesn't say all things are good—cancer isn't good, loss isn't good, betrayal isn't good. But He promises that in His hands even the darkest valleys can be bent toward good. His goodness isn't tied to what we see; it's anchored in who He is.

Consider Joseph's story: betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, falsely accused, forgotten in prison—his life was full of pain. Yet when God lifted him up to save many lives during a famine, Joseph told his brothers in Genesis 50:20, *"You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good."* That's God's goodness on display—bringing redemption out of brokenness.

Believing God is good in the middle of hardship isn't denial. It's faith. It's choosing to trust that the Author of our story sees the whole picture, even when all we see is one painful chapter. Hebrews 11:1 says it this way: *"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."*

Let's be real—sometimes this doesn't come naturally. We may need to remind ourselves of God's promises daily, even hourly. That's why

it's so important to read your Bible and commit scriptures, especially God's promises, to heart; They anchor us when the winds of life feel overwhelming.

Brothers and Sisters, wherever you find yourself today—whether your world feels full of light or weighed down by sorrow—the truth is the same: God's goodness has not changed. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Our emotions may rise and fall, but His nature never does.

So let's declare His goodness when the sun is shining, and cling to it when the storm clouds gather. Because one day, we'll look back and see how every chapter of our story was marked by His faithful hand. Until then, we walk by faith, not by sight, trusting that our good God is with us, for us, and working all things for our eternal good.

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Book of the Month

Called to Take A Bold Stand by Pastor Jack Hibbs

As the culture around us continues to stumble blindly into evil and turmoil, it's easy to lose heart and grow weary in your faith. But what if God has been preparing you for this very time all along?

Everything changes when you say yes to God's call to "be diligent" as you await "the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12, 15). Called to Take a Bold Stand beckons you to live a biblically-based, passionate faith—resilient, immovable, and effective in our chaotic and troubled world. Pastor Jack Hibbs provides biblical teaching and practical insights to help you: represent Christ courageously to a world in need; influence our increasingly secular culture in transformative ways; and overcome the fear of intimidation or persecution.

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office@CMFHQ.org if you would like a copy.

At Christian Military Fellowship, our calling is simple but profound: to walk alongside military members, veterans, and their families with the hope and encouragement of God's Word. Through Bible studies, trauma-healing groups, family support, and discipleship resources, we remind those who serve — and those who love them — that they are never alone.

As you might imagine, this work requires faithful partners who are willing to come alongside.

Faithful Financial Partners: Every dollar makes a difference. Whether it's a small, regular gift or a one-time offering, your support helps provide study materials, fellowship events, and outreach programs that touch lives across the military community. We don't measure gifts by size, but by the impact they make when joined together.

Local Leaders & Teachers: We are looking for men and women who feel called to lead Bible studies in their local area, whether on base, in homes, or within church settings. In addition, CMF has opportunities for those experienced in teaching the Crown Financial program — equipping families with biblical principles of stewardship and financial freedom. If you've been trained in this program or would like to be, we would love to connect with you.

We believe God brings the right people at the right time. If you sense a nudge in your heart to give, to teach, or simply to ask a question about how you might help, we would be honored to talk with you. Together, we can continue to encourage and equip those who have given so much in service.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Local Leader?

Christian Military Fellowship exists to help you fulfill your calling in Christ to share the hope that is in you with those with whom you interact as part of your daily life.

Briefly, CMF Local Leaders will start, and sustain a CMF fellowship made up of members of the military community in their area. While CMF is an "all ranks" ministry, our area of focus is on enlisted personnel. Local leaders institute and lead the military community in

Bible study, prayer, and fellowship, keeping in communication with participants. They should also seek to build relationships with the chaplains and the chaplain team.

Toward that end we encourage you to study and complete the CMF briefing material:

Orientation (Brief #1) that shares an overview of the CMF ministry.

Developing a Local Ministry (Brief

#2) that shares the Biblical foundation for and delineates the logical steps in beginning your local ministry.

Pray and Plan (Brief #3) that shares the most important activity of all! Asking Jesus what He would have you to do and then being obedient to follow His leading in your local ministry. If you choose to begin this process, please reach out to us at: leader@cmfhq.org.

We're praying for you!

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Encouraging Men and Women in the United States Armed Forces, and their families, to love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

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