

Sermon Notes Page
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½ Truths – Everything Happens for A Reason
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Deuteronomy 30:11-20

1. Happy New Year!
2. Everything Happens For A Reason (EHFAR). Implications:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
3. Is this really true? Yes No
4. Critiques of EHFAR Philosophy:
 - a. #1 – It removes personal responsibility.
 - b. #2 – It makes God responsible for everything.
 - c. #3 – It leads to Fatalism.
5. Theological Terms
 - a. Divine Providence – God Provides.
 - b. God’s Sovereignty – God is the highest authority.
6. How we interpret the Theological Terms makes all the difference.
 - a. John Calvin – Predestination
 - b. Founding Fathers – Deism
 - c. John Wesley – Human Free Will
 - i. Scripture – God gives us his influence through Scripture. Scripture contains everything we need to know and understand God.
 - ii. Tradition – God gives us a community to help us understand God.
 - iii. Experience – God gives us our lives to help us interpret God’s influence in our lives through the Holy Spirit.
 - iv. Reason – God gives us a mind to think, a heart to feel, and a soul to connect with the Holy Spirit.
7. Genesis 1:28 – God gives humanity dominion.
8. Deuteronomy 30:19 – Moses to the people – “you choose...”
 - a. Way of life.
 - b. Way of pain.
9. What does God actually do?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
10. Romans 8:28 – Evil and Suffering are never the last word.