



Week 1 Homily Summary

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Week one introduces the Lenten message series *Seriously, God?* which explores the struggle of making sense of life when it doesn't seem to make sense. Many people feel hurt, disappointed, or even betrayed by God when facing suffering, injustice, or unanswered prayers, leading them to distance themselves from faith. Almost everyone can probably relate to this feeling.

The homily lays out three key principles to keep in mind throughout the series:

1. **It makes sense that God doesn't always make sense** – God's wisdom is far beyond our limited human understanding. We see only a small part of the bigger picture.
2. **We can grow in understanding through what God has revealed** – Though we may not grasp everything, God has made Himself known through Scripture, Jesus, and the Church, correcting misconceptions about His nature.
3. **There's a difference between God not making sense and life not making sense** – God does not will suffering, injustice, or evil, but allows free will. His preferred will is love, but He permits human choices, even when they lead to pain.

The message concludes with an invitation: if you're new or returning to church, commit to coming back. If you attend regularly, invite someone who needs to hear this series. When we seek to understand God, we will ultimately find Him.