Sentinel Watch - September 2021 Web Edition

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August 30 - September 5, 2021

Time to drop some weight

Guest: Karen Neff

Our guest was desperate and depressed when she reached her heaviest weight ever. But then Karen got a new idea, and it changed everything.

September 6-12, 2021

Where is God when bad things happen? Part 1: The basics

Guest: Scott Preller

From the pandemic to political division to climate disasters, today's news begs the question "Where is God when bad things happen?" And if God is here, why doesn't it seem to make a difference? Our guest shares a different view of God that can help you experience the kind of stability we all want these days.

September 13-19, 2021

Where is God when bad things happen? Part 2: Responding to emergencies

Guest: Diana Davis Butler

The news coming out of emergency situations often features images of first responders. But for this 9-1-1 dispatcher, a split second of turning to God as she snapped into action proved time and again that there's a place for a *spiritual* first response—and that God's help really is there in an emergency.

September 20-25, 2021

Where is God when bad things happen? Part 3: Finding hope

Guest: Hilary Harper-Wilcoxen

Is there a valid reason to have hope for something better when things seem to go from bad to worse? This week's guest spent some time researching hope and has put into practice how it greases the wheels for increased and lasting good.

September 27- October 3, 2021

Where is God when bad things happen? Part 4: Getting out of the mess we're in

Guest: Deborah Huebsch

When it feels like the world is a mess, is it naive to think that God is still here ... or can somehow help? Our guest shares her own journey in getting to know—and experience—the divine power that, she says, is reliable help we can turn to and lean on no matter how big the problem