1. Pastor Pacey directs us to first consider just who God is. See Mark 10:17-18, 1 John 4:8, and Revelation 4:8. What qualities of God are plainly evident in these verses?

2. Pastor Pacey also instructs us to consider just what evil is, and what it isn’t. See Genesis 1:31, 3:15. How does God describe every single thing that He had made in His creation? Did He create anything that was “evil?” How did evil come into this world? Did the devil create it? What exactly is “evil” if it isn’t a thing that was created?

3. So we now come to understand Pastor Pacey’s first point in his article, that God is not the author of evil. See Romans 3:23. How is it that you, too, like Adam and Eve, now also know of evil? So what is the root cause of evil in this world?

4. Since God is perfectly good in and of Himself, yet evil abounds in the world, He must have some sort of good purpose for it, right? Read Job 1-2 and Romans 8:18-28. Is God the one who causes evil in your life? How does it come about? Is God in control through all of your suffering? For what purpose does God allow your suffering for a time?

5. Read Isaiah 45:7 and Amos 3:6. These passages sound like God is the direct creator and cause of
evil, don't they? How do we view such verses in the overall context of what we know from the other clear Scriptures of the Bible?

6. How should we view, then, our sufferings from the evils of this fallen world? See Romans 5:1-11.

7. Pastor Pacey directs us to the One and Only solution to this problem of evil—Christ Jesus! See 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Galatians 3:13. How does Jesus deal with the cause of evil for you, to rescue you from its plight?

8. Close with the following prayer.

Merciful and everlasting God the Father, Who did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us that He bear our sins on the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in our Savior that we may not fear the power of any evils; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.