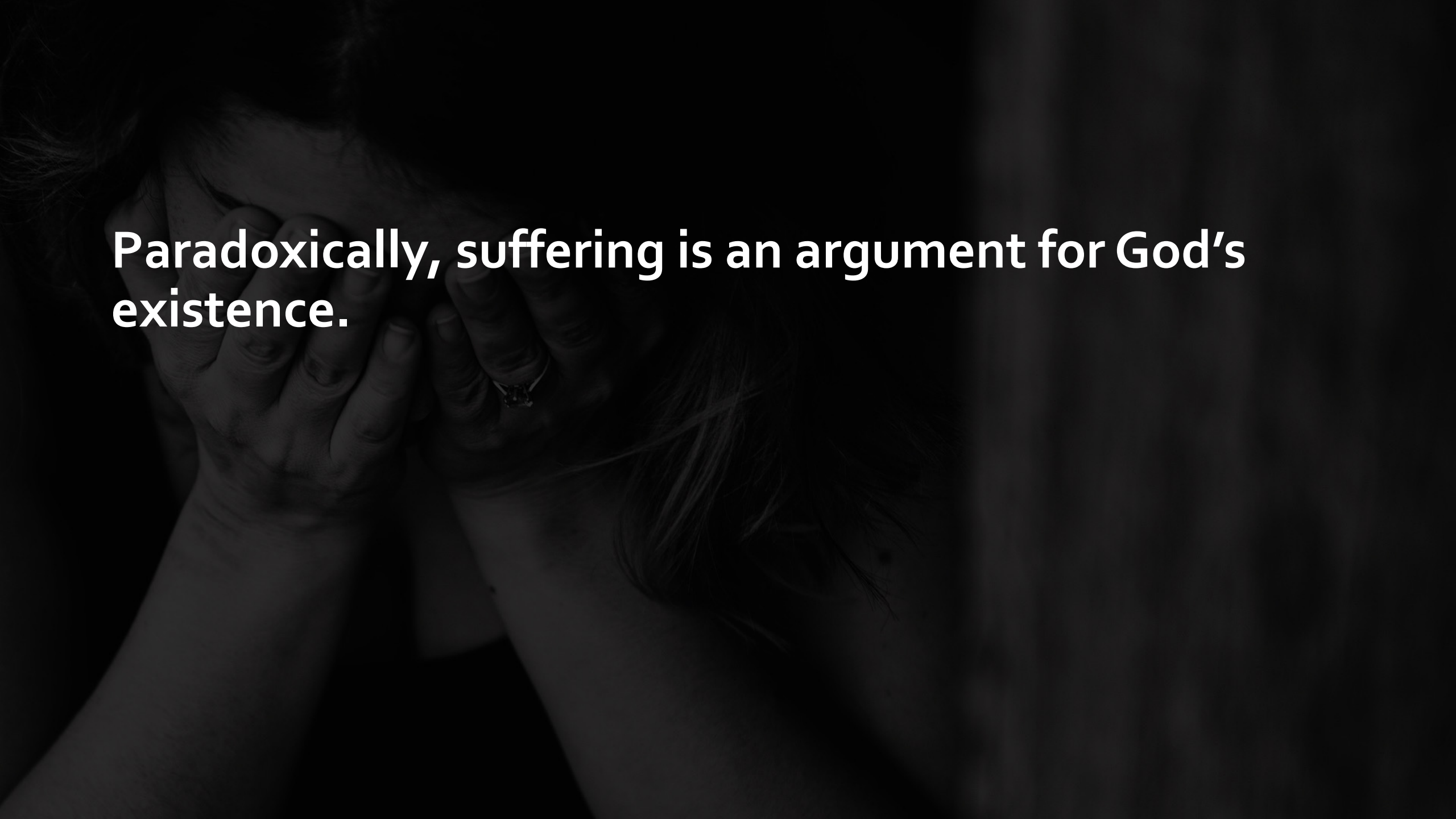




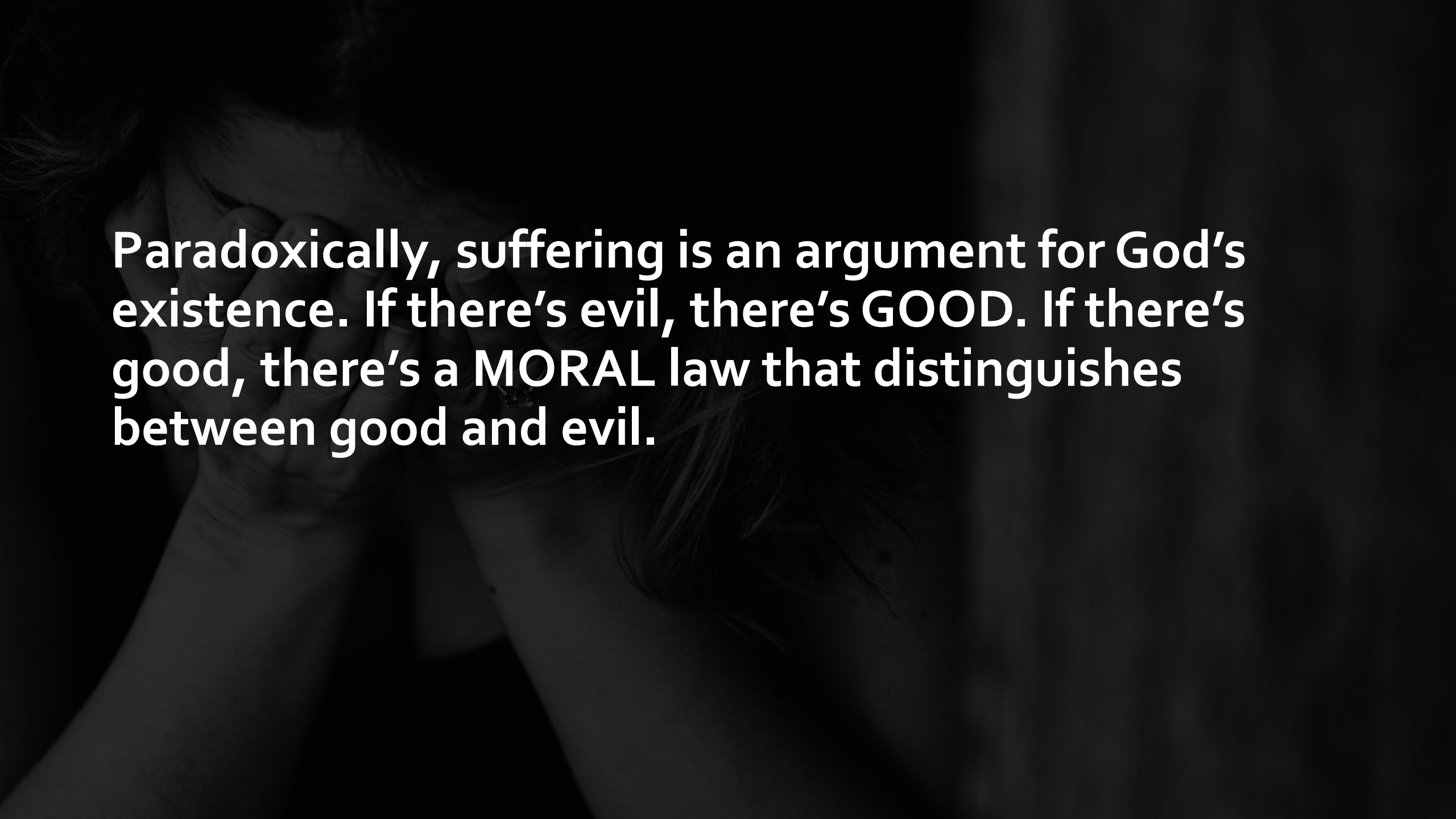
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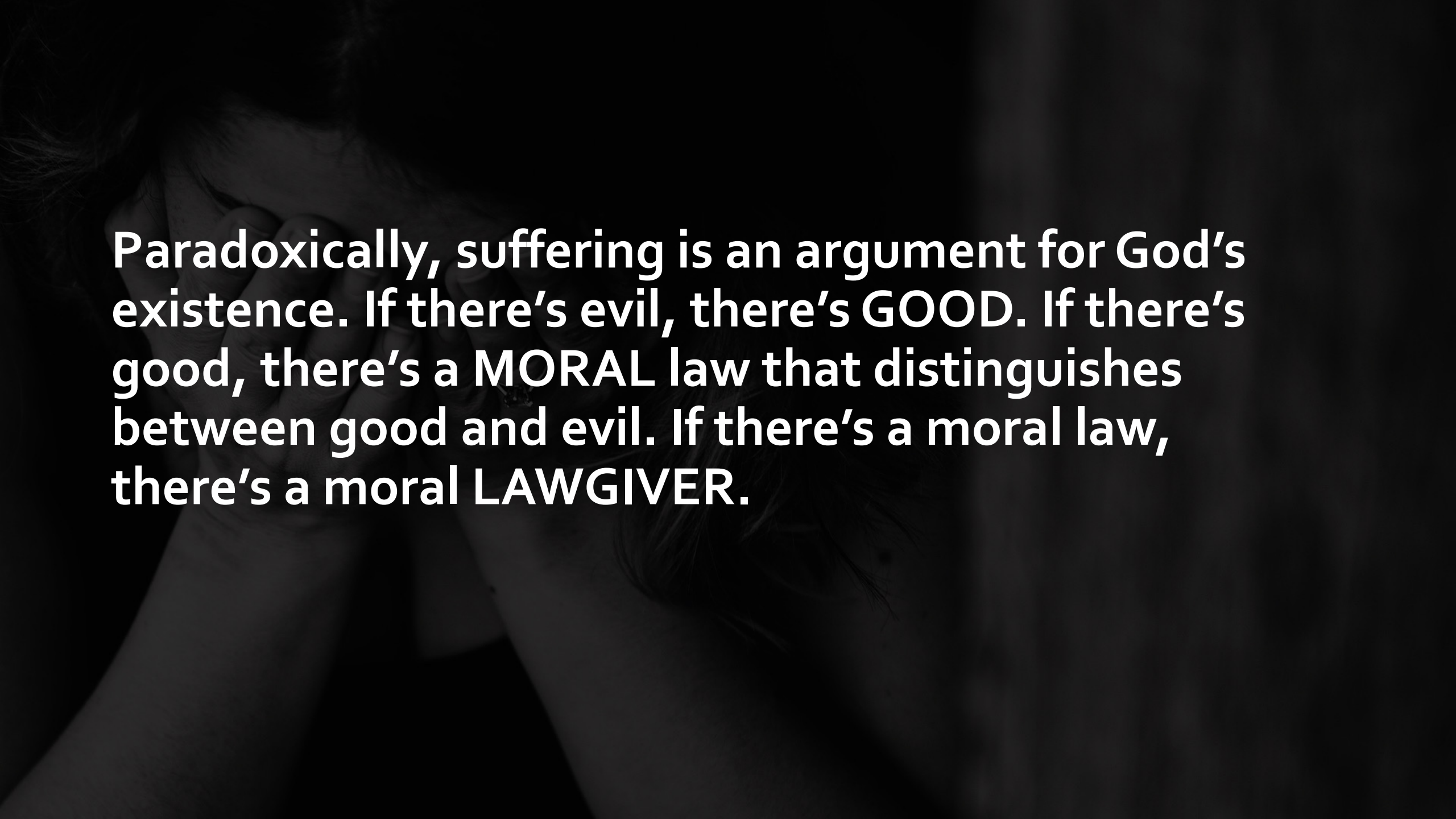
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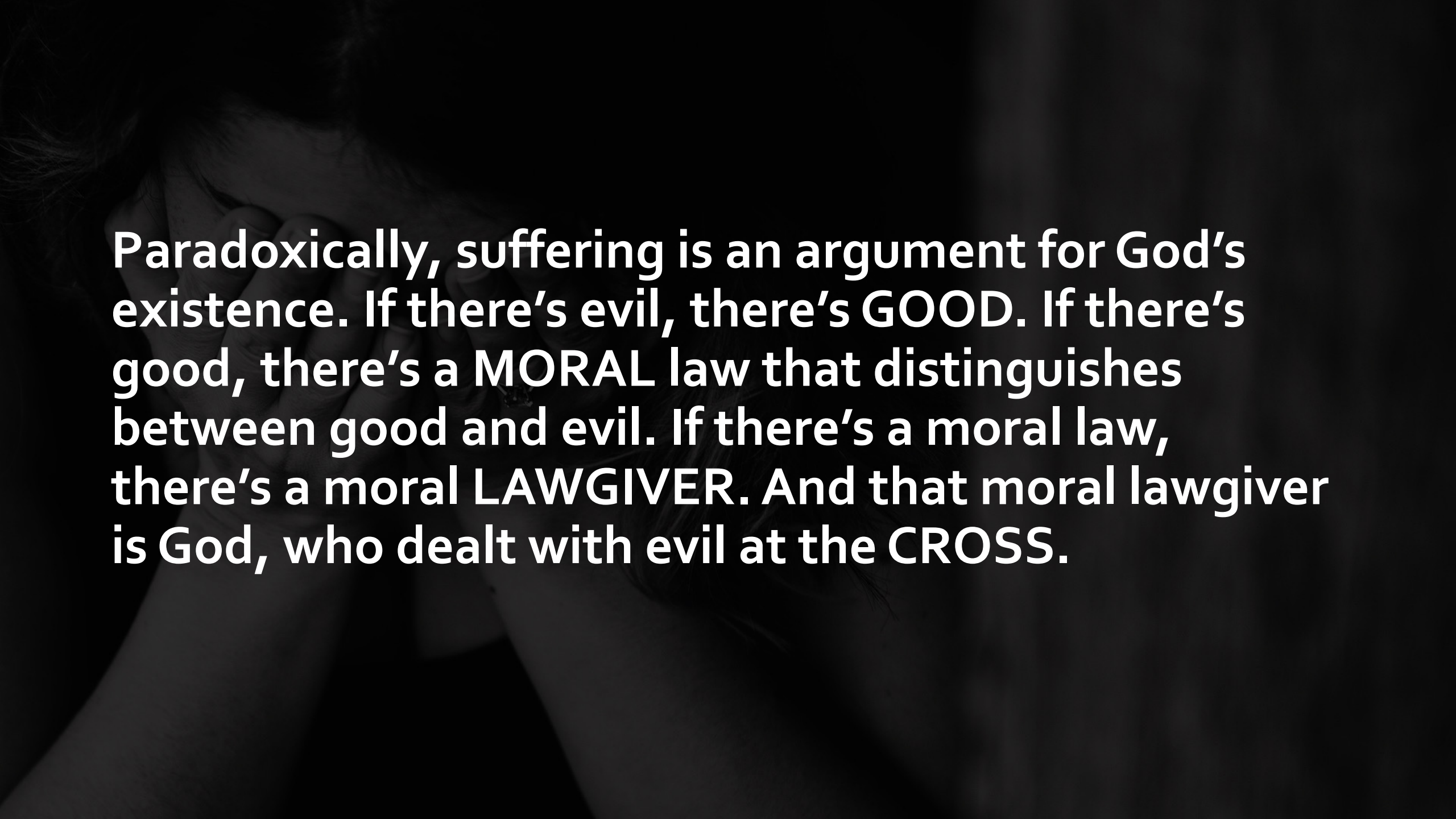
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Do we have an **EXAGGERATED** perspective on suffering?

Sometimes we treat the **INCONVENIENCES** in our lives as the end of the world. But thinking right about suffering **REDUCES** frustrations so we can **PROPERLY** focus on reality.



Do we **CONTRIBUTE** to the suffering of this world?

How **HARD** is your life right now because of your own **DOING**? If all practiced godliness, we would eliminate unnecessary suffering from this world.

It is inconsistent to **DEMAND** God to remove suffering and yet refuse to be **CORRECTED** by Him!



Do we APPRECIATE the necessity of suffering?

We accept the general idea of suffering without complaint in almost every area of life because we see PROFITABLE results associated with suffering.



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For example, a DENTIST causes pain to eliminate pain, or a coach puts his team through painful exercises to cause them to PERFORM better on the field. And no one DENIES the existence of doctors or coaches.



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And this is what God does with all the suffering in the world; He SHAPES us into something better than we would be without the suffering. And in the process, we LEARN of His goodness, compassion, and mercy in a meaningful way and yearn for eternity with Him.