

## Suffering for the Glory of God

### **Week 1: The Problem of Suffering and the Bible's Answer**

*The wisdom of God in Job and Habakkuk*

### **Week 2: God's Revealed Purposes for Suffering**

*How God can use suffering for our good and His glory*

### **Week 3: The Future of Suffering**

*The importance of heaven and hell for a suffering Christian*

### **Week 4: God's Grief Over Suffering**

*The empathy of a suffering God*

### **Week 5: Unbiblical Reactions to Suffering**

*Temptations to find hope in what is passing away*

### **Week 6: Fighting for faith, Part 1**

*Struggling for faith in God's sovereignty and goodness*

### **Week 7: Fighting for faith, Part 2**

*Helping others fight for faith in the local church*

### **Week 8: Sharing Their Burdens**

*A biblical perspective on the relief of physical suffering*

### **Week 9: Suffering as Witness**

*Making the most of your suffering for the glory of God*

### **Week 10: Applying Scripture in Practical Scenarios, Part 1**

*Depression and death*

### **Week 11: Applying Scripture in Practical Scenarios, Part 2**

*Natural disasters, poverty, and war*

### **Week 12: Panel Discussion**

### **Week 13: The Secret of Contentment**

*Finding joy in Christ in any and every situation*

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## **Applying Scripture in Practical Scenarios, Part 1**

*Depression and death*

### **Framework for Applying Scripture in Practical Scenarios**

1. How does this suffering challenge my view of who God is?
2. How am I tempted to trust in things other than God?
3. How does Jesus' death on the cross change things?
4. How can I fight for faith?
5. How can my suffering play witness to the power of the gospel?

### **Scenario #1: Depression**

de·pres·sion – a sorrow that causes a person to turn inward

#### **Framework for Applying Scripture to Depression**

1. *How does this suffering challenge my view of who God is?*
  - a. God is not really sovereign (Psalm 42)
  - b. God is not really good (Luke 12:32)

2. *How am I tempted to trust in things other than God?*

- a. Escape...to false “gods”
- b. Stiff upper lip...like an atheist

3. *How does Jesus’ death on the cross change things?*

At the cross, we find...

- a. A forgiving God
- b. A suffering God (Mark 14:33-34)  
“...overwhelmed with sorrow.”
- c. An exemplary God (1 Peter 2:21)  
“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his.”

4. *How can I fight for faith?*

- a. Read, pray, remember, and sing the Bible
- b. Pull others into your struggle (Gal 6:2)  
“Carry each other’s burdens...”
- c. Don’t neglect your body
- d. Serve others

5. *How can my suffering play witness to the power of the gospel?*

**Scenaria #2: Death**

*Death: An Enemy to Hate*

1 Cor 15 “The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

*Death: More Than an Enemy*

“Death is God’s limit on creatures whose sin is that they want to be gods. The true God is holy; he is unique, and cannot, by his very nature, tolerate those who try to relativize him. We are not gods; and by death we learn that we are only human.” – Carson, *How Long O Lord*

*Death: Our Greatest Fear leading to Our Greatest Hope*

Psalm 90 “...Teach us to number our days aright...”

Philippians 1:21-24 “...to me to live is Christ and to die is gain...”

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