Questions and Insights about suffering from the Book of Job.

Draw Near to God - Part 2

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Job 1:1 "In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil..."

Important reminders from The Book of Job:

1. One of the gut reactions most people have to the book of Job is that it seems deeply unfair. But the fact is we should all be grateful that God doesn't give us what we all deserve!

Psalms 103:10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Ephesians 2:8 You have been saved by grace, through faith! This doesn't happen on your own initiative; it's God's gift.

2. **Although we'd all like to have more insight and answers to why there is suffering in the world, we all have the same choice that Job did when he lacked those answers, *Will I trust and obey God or not?*** (I believe the answer to this question boils down to one thing: *Do I believe that God loves and cares about me?*)

Psalm 128:1 Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him.

John 14:23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

3. **Job's blind spot is not unlike ours, for many of us we don't really trust God because we have too small a view of Him and too big a view of ourselves.**

Isaiah 55:8-9 *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways declares the Lord. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your way and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

4. **Job's life uniquely qualifies him to intercede on his friends behalf. Jesus' life uniquely qualifies him to intercede on our behalf.**

Romans 8:34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

1 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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