

## HOW GOD BRINGS GOOD OUT OF OUR PAIN

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Thinking About Suffering With Faith and Truth, Part 10

### BIG IDEA: How does God bring some good out of our pain?

<sup>1</sup> Then Job replied to the Lord: <sup>2</sup> “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup> You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. <sup>4</sup> “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ <sup>5</sup> My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. <sup>6</sup> Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

#### 1. Our RESPONSE to God’s voice starts change. “OH!”

“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!” **Revelation 1:17-18**

*“I’ve known **about you** much more than **known you**. I’ve had second-hand faith.”*

<sup>7</sup> After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has. <sup>8</sup> So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.” <sup>9</sup> So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.

#### 2. God will bring the CORRECTION.

“On the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak” **Matthew 12:36** ESV

<sup>10</sup> After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord **restored** his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They **comforted** and **consoled** him over all the trouble the Lord had brought on him, and each one **gave him** a piece of silver and a gold ring.

#### 3. COMMUNITY is the vehicle of our restoration.

“I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.” **Philemon 6** (1 Kings 19:4)

<sup>12</sup> **The Lord blessed** the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup> And he also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup> The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. <sup>15</sup> Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job’s daughters, and their **father granted them an inheritance** along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup> After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. <sup>17</sup> And so Job died, an old man and **full of years**. **Job 42**

#### 4. God has the LAST WORD.

*Where has a painful event in your past been allowed to define and dominate the present and the future?*

“For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!” **2 Cor. 4:17** NLT