

life coming apart at the seams?

Trusting in God's
goodness when
life seems to be
falling apart.



Studies from the life of Job.

*When you suffer, it's so natural
to ask the question, why?*



"Have you seen my servant Job? There is none like him in all the earth; a man who fears God and shuns evil." Verse 8

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"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰ "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.

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¹¹ But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." Verse 9-11

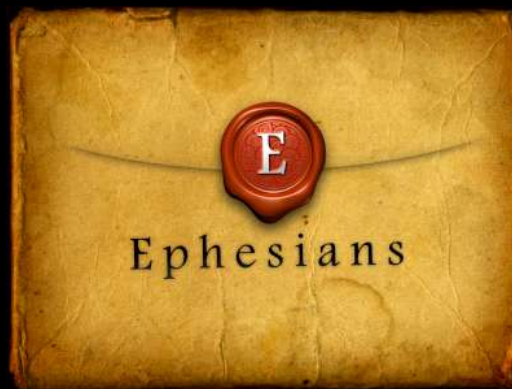
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¹² The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

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Satan is only allowed by God
to actually defeat himself
and achieve the very
opposite of what he wanted.

Through the church, (God) intends now to make known His infinite and boundless wisdom to all rulers and authorities in heavenly realms. Ephesians 3:10



God permits evil and suffering to come into your life only to the degree that it defeats the actual intention of Satan for you.

“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Job 38:2

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What the Bible calls us to do is to serve God even though you will never know, just like Job never knew, the actual reasons for the suffering.



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The only way to be sure
you're serving God for himself
alone, is you have to be in a
place where serving God
gives you nothing.

We also *celebrate in seasons of suffering*
because we know that when we suffer
we develop endurance, 4 which shapes
our characters. Romans 5: 3,4

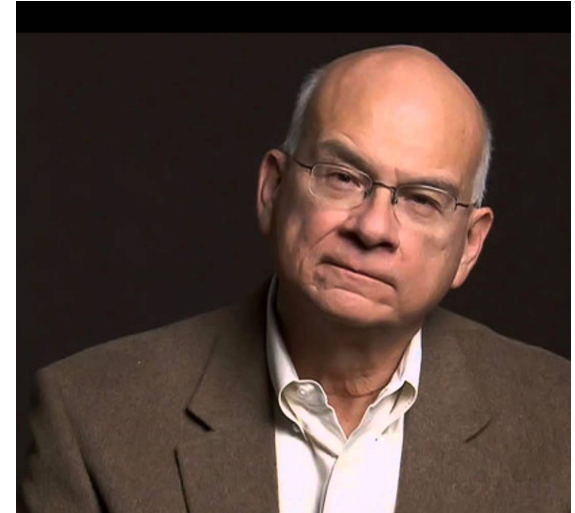
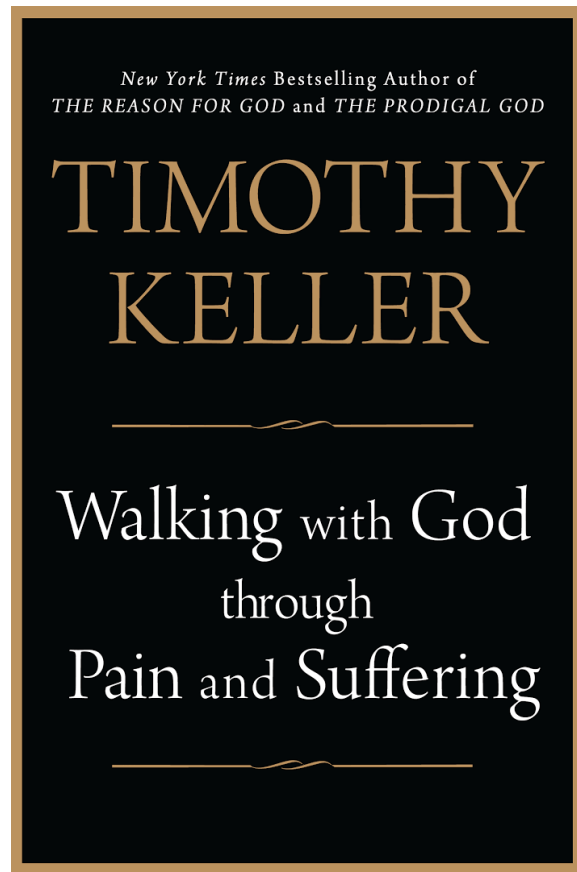


Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ... James 1:2



At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said: Naked I came out of the womb, and naked I'm going to die. The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." ²² In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing. vs. 20-22

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"If you build your life on God then what happens is suffering drives you into Him. Drives you deeper into your source of joy."

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8



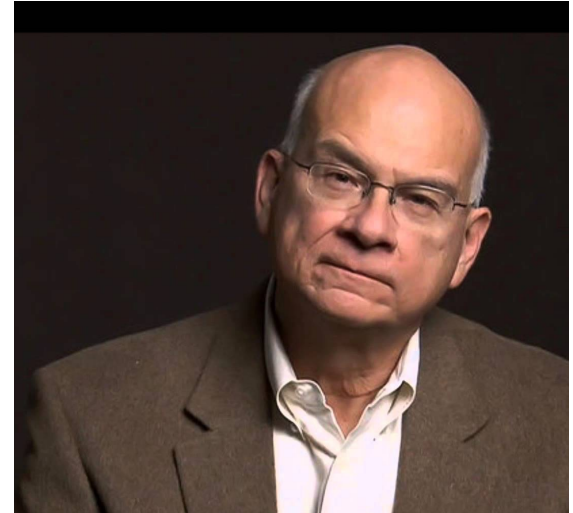
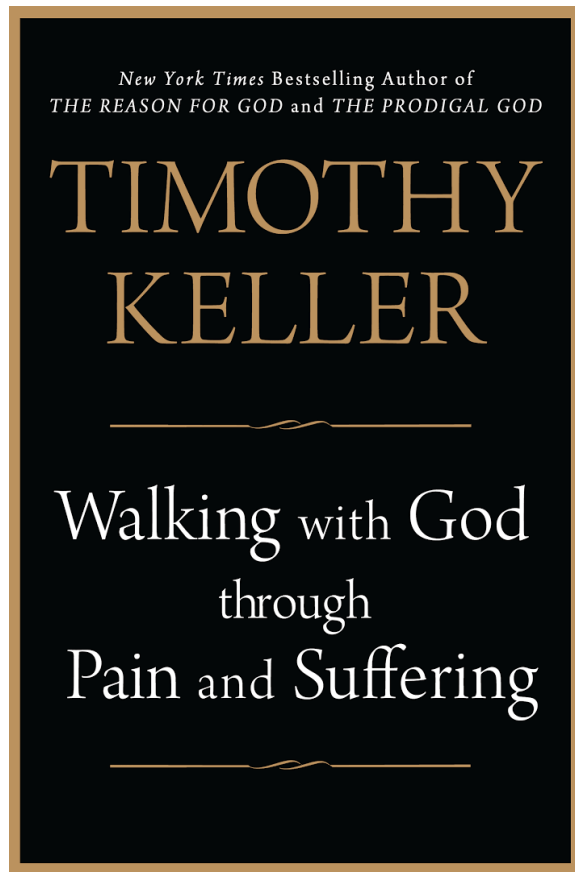
For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

Romans 5:10



Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross... Hebrews 12:2





"Jesus Christ suffered not that we would not suffer, but that when we suffer we could become like Him."

From the distant past, His eternal love reached into the future. You see, He knew those who would be His one day, and He chose them beforehand to be conformed to the image of His Son so that Jesus would be the firstborn of a new family of believers, all brothers and sisters. Romans 8:29



In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Hebrews 2:10



