

3. The Resurrection

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“I wish you would hide me in the grave and forget me there until your anger has passed. But mark your calendar to think of me again! Job 14:13

Where did Job get any idea that this is possible?

You would call and I would answer, and you would yearn for me, your handiwork. Job 14:15

Job is having this moment in which he realizes that, and he says, *“If God is as great as I know he is and, therefore, his love is as great as I know it has to be, he someday will call me, and I will be restored.”*

Apostle Paul writes: “Behold, I tell you a mystery,” “We will not sleep, but we shall be changed in a flash, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For when the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written shall come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

life coming apart at the seams?

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



Studies from the life of Job.

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Three Resources to Face Suffering Job 13:20-24; 14:7-17

(Reading by Lori Mason)

Job 13:

20 “O God, grant me these two things, and then I will be able to face you. 21 Remove your heavy hand from me, and don’t terrify me with your awesome presence. 22 Now summon me, and I will answer! Or let me speak to you, and you reply. 23 Tell me, what have I done wrong? Show me my rebellion and my sin. 24 Why do you turn away from me. Why do you treat me as your enemy?

Job 14

“Even a tree has more hope! If it is cut down, it will sprout again and grow new branches. 8 Though its roots have grown old in the earth and its stump decays, 9 at the scent of water it will bud and sprout again like a new seedling. 10 “But when people die, their strength is gone. They breathe their last, and then where are they? 11 As water evaporates from a lake and a river disappears in drought, 12 people are laid to rest and do not rise again. Until the heavens are no more, they will not wake up nor be roused from their sleep.13 “I wish you would hide me in the grave and forget me there until your anger has passed. But mark your calendar to think of me again! 14 Can the dead live again? If so, this would give me hope through all my years of struggle, and I would eagerly await the release of death. 15 You would call and I would answer, and you would yearn for me, your handiwork. 16 For then you would guard my steps, instead of watching for my sins.17 My sins would be sealed in a pouch, and you would cover my guilt.

The Word of God

1. God's presence in a world of suffering.

Now summon me, and I will answer! Or let me speak to you, and you reply. Job 13:22

In verse 20 he says, "I don't want to hide my face from you."
In verse 24 he says, "I don't want you to turn away from me."

What is it he wants? He says, "I want you to summon me."
In Hebrew idiom, that means, "I want your companionship."

Remove your heavy hand from me, and don't terrify me with your awesome presence. 22 Now summon me, and I will answer!
Job 13:21,22

Job is saying summon me, he's saying *I need a vision of you, something tangible*, in order to get the strength to get through your suffering?

Job needed a sign from God to get through his suffering.
For us that sign is already here in the life of Christ.

So we know one thing for sure; we know what the reason for your suffering *isn't*. It's not that **God doesn't care for you.**

2. Suffering produces glory

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We're told everywhere in the Bible that glory and suffering go together.

1 Peter 4:14, "If you suffer, you are blessed, for the Spirit of Christ's glory rests on you,"

Romans 8:18, "Our present sufferings are not worthy to even be compared to the glory that will be revealed in us,"

2 Corinthians 4:16,17 "Though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we're being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary afflictions are achieving for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison."

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 1 Peter 2:19

20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? 1 Peter 2:20a

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. vs.20b

21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. 1 Peter 2:21-23a

Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. vs.23b