

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** If God is really in control, why do bad things happen to Godly people? How can an Almighty God who is good, allow so much suffering in the lives of those He loves? Why does it often feel like evil is winning, darkness is prevailing, and God isn't answering our desperate prayers for rescue. What could we possibly learn from all this? This is a Study of God's Sovereignty, People's Suffering, and the Salvation of the Redeemed.

**There's nothing more sure in life than suffering,  
and  
There's nothing more shaping in life than suffering.**

**Satan is convinced that Christians will quit trusting God when we suffer.**

**Three Wise Ways Through Suffering:**

**Job 13:13-24 (ESV)**

- **The Comfort of His Presence.**

**When stewarded well, suffering can drive you deeper into God's Love and Faithfulness.**

- **The Challenge of Your Growth.** **Job 14:7-17 (ESV) James 1:2-4 (ESV)**

**Suffering is the stripping away of our hope in the finite things of life.**

- **The Conclusion of the Resurrection.** **Job 14:10-17 (ESV)**

**Resurrection Result: Everything sad that's ever happened to you will become untrue.**

**You won't know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have. Are you there?**

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Have you ever experienced a time of Comfort in God's Presence while suffering? How did this come about? What was the result?
- 3) Read James 1:2-4. Have you ever held on during a season of suffering to embrace the growth that you knew would come as a result? How would you describe your growth?
- 4) Read Job 14:10-17. How does the reality of the resurrection impact your view on suffering? What are your thoughts on the *Resurrection Result* stated above?
- 5) You won't realize that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you've got. Have you been there?