



REFLECT

1. What is the worst physical pain you have experienced?
2. What thoughts and emotions were most prominent in that time?

ENCOUNTER

Job, like many sufferers, oscillates between moments of despair and glimmers of hope. In the same chapter that he vividly laments the pain of his body, he also makes one of his boldest statements of faith in the future. “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.” Though Job feels like he is being singled-out by God, he also knows that God is the one who will ultimately vindicate him. “I know my Redeemer lives.”

Read 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:10, one of the great passages on how the resurrection of Jesus helps us persevere in the midst of suffering.

3. What stands out to you in these verses?
4. What questions do you have about these verses?
5. What word pictures does Paul use to explain suffering in our bodies?
6. What are one or two applications for you from this text?

TRANSFORM

7. How can physical suffering grow us in our faith?
8. What has been most challenging to you thus far in this sermon series on Job?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

~ C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain* ~