

## **Tough Stuff: Faith to Cross the Bridge of Suffering**

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1. What does it look like to suffer well? Have you ever seen someone suffer well?
2. Read Job 1:20-22, 38:1-18, and 21:34. How does your response to suffering parallel Job's responses? Do you ever presume on God's purposes?
3. Why does it matter in our lives when we trust that God can and does orchestrate his purposes?
4. How does our recognition of God's power and sovereignty bring us comfort in the midst of suffering?
5. When have you experienced humility as a result of seeing God's power? In what ways can this be comforting to us?
6. Read Psalm 115:3, Isaiah 46:10, Jeremiah 32:27, and Ephesians 1:11. Do you truly believe that God is sovereign over all? How does this belief affect your daily choices?
7. Read Revelation 21:1-5. Do you trust that God really will make everything right in the end? How does this belief change your response to personal suffering?
8. In what ways has Jesus' empathy with our pain been a comfort to you? How can this make a difference in your life today?
9. Read Hebrews 12:2-3. How have Christ's wounds assured you of God's love in the midst of the suffering in your life?