

## FAITH THAT WORKS: Attitudes and Actions that Change Lives

### Suffering Well

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#### Read:

James 5:11, Job 1:21, 4:7-8, 38:3-6, 38:12-13, 42:5-6

#### Reflect:

We live in a messy world full of messy people, but the books of James and Job explore the reality of suffering, and how that reality can deepen our understanding of God, as well as our relationship with Him. How can you suffer well? How do you find God in the middle of great suffering? Pastor Darrin Patrick shares how we can see God's purpose amid our suffering.

#### Suffering Well:

**1. Our Response to Suffering**

- a. Is your response to suffering more aligned with a naturalist perspective or a moralist perspective?

**2. God's Response to Suffering**

- a. How does God respond to our suffering, and how does this deepen your understanding of who He is?

**3. God's Purpose in Suffering**

**1. Suffering can remind us that God is God.**

- a. Can you think of an example of a time when great suffering reminded you of who God is? Explain.

**2. Suffering can shape our character.**

- a. Can you think of a time when great suffering shaped your character in a godly way? Explain.

**3. Suffering can help us see God more clearly.**

- a. How has God clarified your vision for spiritual leadership during a crisis?

#### Response

Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?