



INTRODUCTION

Kintsugi - Japanese Art Form. The art of repairing broken pottery with gold lacquer and understanding that the piece is more beautiful for having been broken.

Living in apparent tension between God's proclaimed character and our difficult experiences

Week 1: The Bible's Answer to the Problem of Suffering

The wisdom of God and a call to trust

Week 2: God's Revealed Purposes for Suffering

How God can use suffering for our good and His glory

Week 3: Unbiblical Reactions to Suffering

Temptations to find hope in what is passing away

Week 4: Fighting for faith

Struggling for faith in God's sovereignty and goodness

Week 5: Suffering as Witness

Making the most of your suffering for the glory of God

Week 6: The Secret of Contentment

Finding joy in Christ in any and every situation

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." 1 Peter 2:12

THE ORIGIN OF SUFFERING

Genesis 3: The _____ of suffering

Revelation 21: The _____ of suffering

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THE ANSWER TO SUFFERING: THE BOOK OF JOB

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior” (3:17-18)

Suffering is _____

God is _____ over suffering

There is such a thing as ‘_____’,
—that is, suffering that is not specific punishment for a specific sin.

Our job is not to _____, but to _____

_____: exhibit A that God can use suffering for his glory and our good (Romans 3:25-26, 8:28)

The _____ of faith: Revelation 15:3-4

THE ANSWER TO SUFFERING: THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

The Exodus: God uses great suffering to _____ to the nations.

_____: God shows goodness even to those the world has forgotten.

Habakkuk: God reveals his grand _____ for all of history

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” (2:14)