

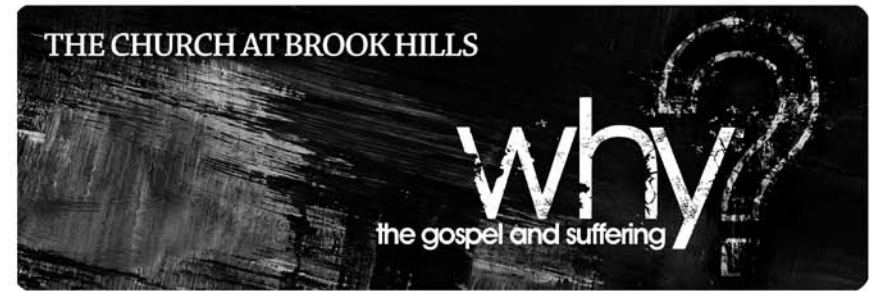
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**Job 3-31**

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**The Purpose of God in Suffering...**

- God uses suffering to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith.
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  - ▶ What God reveals about Himself...
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- God has a **purpose**.
- God's purpose is sometimes **different**.
- God's purpose is always **good**.

**The Purpose of God in Suffering...**

- God uses suffering to **refine** our faith.
- God uses suffering to **reveal** His glory.
  - ▶ How God reveals Himself...
    - In **creation** .
    - In the **Word** .
    - In our **pain** .
  - ▶ What God reveals about Himself...
    - He is **just**.
    - He is **merciful** .
    - He is **great** .
  - ▶ As we wrestle with God's revelation of Himself in suffering, we avoid these extremes...
    - Declaring our **innocence** .
    - Distrusting His **justice** .
    - **Missing** His mercy.
    - **Minimizing** His greatness.
- God uses suffering to teach us to **rely** on Him .
- God uses suffering to bring us to **repent** of and **renounce** all sin in our lives.
- God uses suffering to lead us to our **reward** in Him

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