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1. When you think about the suffering that exists in the world, do you tend to wrestle with it more intellectually or emotionally? Why do you think that is?
2. The topic of suffering seems to invite widespread critical questions about God's presence or God's goodness. Why do you think that is?
3. A way to cope with suffering or loss is to say something like, "at least I still have..." or "as long as I still have..." How are you most likely to finish those statements?

Why is it dangerous (or at least unwise) to ground your well-being on what you still have?
4. **Read Job 1:20-21.** What stands out to you most about the way he responded to his suffering?

On what basis can we respond to suffering with praise?
5. **Read Job 3:1.** Also scan the rest of this chapter. What kind of mindset or attitude do you see in Job? Have you ever been in a similar place?
6. What does it look like to bring your grief and anger to God in a way that honors God?
7. **Read Job 19:25-27.** Job's circumstances hadn't changed, but his perspective did. What are some ways a person can shift their perspective, trusting that God can work through suffering?

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#4 Trust that God won't waste suffering.

Bible Reading for Today

Job 1:13-22

¹³ One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁷ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁹ when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

²⁰ At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said:

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
and naked I will depart.
The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised."

²² In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.