Knowing Jesus: when we lose everything

Job 1-2

"I want to know Christ, – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings..." Philippians 3:10 NIVUK

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One word summary: One sentence summary:

1. Disaster

1:1-5

1:13-19

1:20-22

2:7-8

3:3

2. Mystery

I. .

II. .

III. .

3. Conversation

"Grumbling is when our grief and anguish drive us from God rather than towards him."

| | Paul Mallard |
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| 3:11 | |
| 3:20 | |
| 3:25 | |
| 10:1 | |
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| 7:7 | |
| 16:7 | |
| 16:19 | |
| 19:25 | |
| 13:15 | |
| 28:28 | |

"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me..."

Aside: two things not to do:

4. Vindication

- I. Providence
- II. Answer
- III. Restoration

Joel 2:25

| | | Psalm 13 | You |
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| 1. | Turn to the LORD | How long, LORD? | What are the things I am not bringing to God, or keeping from him, or trying to sort myself? |
| 2. | Bring your complaint | Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me? ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? | Honestly bring my pain to the LORD. Tell him what has happened. Tell him exactly how I feel. |
| 3. | Ask | Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, ⁴ and my enemy will say, 'I have overcome him,' and my foes will rejoice when I fall. | Ask the LORD according to his character and promises what I need. |
| 4. | Trust the character of God | But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. ⁶ I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me. | What is true of God that I am going to choose to hold on to? |

Podcasts/talks:

Discovering the Gospel in Job by Tim Keller

- 13 minutes. On YouTube

Learning to Sing [in our pain]: Psalm 22 by Andrew Nichols

- 35 minutes. On bcuk.org

Music:

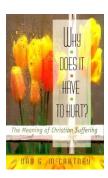
[Highly subjective based on personal preferences]. The following are good connecting Gospel truth to suffering. Steph Macleod Andrew Peterson Joyful Noise Sons of Korah

Many of the best hymns also connect Gospel truth to the reality of life in a broken world.

Think it through:

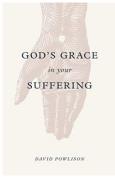


Walking with God through Pain and Suffering: by Timothy Keller Thorough, deep and pastoral. 319 pages. Well worth the effort!

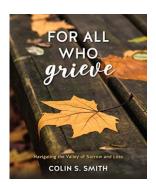


Why does it have to Hurt? The meaning of Christian Suffering by Dan McCartney. Punchy, challenging, Biblical. 130 pages.

Work it through:



God's Grace in your Suffering by David Powlison Effectively a workbook with a Christian Counsellor to work through your suffering. 117 pages.



For all who Grieve: Navigating the Valley of Sorrow and Loss by Colin S. Smith. Easy to read, walks you through grief to hope. 136 pages.

Learning to lament:



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