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Job

John 16:33 (NKJV)

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

James 5:11 (NKJV)

11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

1) So, how do you help others in their suffering?

Job 2:12 (NKJV)

12 And when they raised their eyes from afar, and did not recognize him, they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward heaven.

Job 2:13 (NKJV)

13 So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.

Romans 12:15 (NKJV)

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Job 4:7 (NKJV)

7 "Remember now, who ever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright ever cut off?

Job 4:8 (NKJV)

8 Even as I have seen, Those who plow iniquity And sow trouble reap the same.

Job 4:9 (NKJV)

9 By the blast of God they perish, And by the breath of His anger they are consumed.

Job 8:20 (NKJV)

20 Behold, God will not cast away the blameless, Nor will He uphold the evildoers.

Job 20:7 (NKJV)

7 Yet he will perish forever like his own refuse; Those who have seen him will say, 'Where is he?'

Job 20:8 (NKJV)

8 He will fly away like a dream, and not be found; Yes, he will be chased away like a vision of the night.

Job 2:9 (NKJV)

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!"

2) So, why does God allow suffering?

a) God will sometimes allow suffering and sickness to get our attention

Psalms 119:67 (NKJV)

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.

b) To reveal what you are made of

c) Suffering helps us grow spiritually and makes us stronger in the faith.

Job 2:10 (NKJV)

10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

d) Suffering can be used to prepare us for a special task

2 Corinthians 1:3 (NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

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2 Corinthians 1:4 (NKJV)

4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

3) So, how do we find joy in our suffering?

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NKJV)

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,