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Have you ever had a ‘Job Moment’ where trials and tragedy struck suddenly and even lingered for a season?

How would you respond to the incredible loss that Job has just suffered?  What if everything you owned and all of your beloved children were taken away from you in a single day of calamity?

Since God is all-powerful, why doesn’t He prevent our suffering? (This is often called the problem of pain or the problem of God or the problem of evil)

How can the circumstances of your own suffering sometimes lead to despair?

Why does suffering often make us question the Sovereignty of God?

What do you find significant about Job’s response in Job 1:21?

How is God’s Sovereignty Job’s comfort?

How can God’s sovereignty be a comfort to you?

Do you believe that God is truly working for your good and His glory?

How have you seen the graciousness of God at work through your suffering?

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