



MAKING SENSE OF SUFFERING: ***A Time of Prayer, Reflection & Discussion***

Questions We Want Answered...

- 1) "Why Does God Allow Suffering?"
- 2) "Who Is To Blame For This Suffering?"
- 3) "Are We An Evil Nation? Do We Deserve It?"
- 4) "Can We Change Anything? If So, How?"
- 5) "Can Good Come From This Tragedy?"

What Does The Bible Tells Us About People Who Suffered?

- 1) Job – He cried through it.
- 2) Jacob – He wrestled through it.
- 3) Joseph – He worked through it.
- 4) Jonah – He sprinted through it.
- 5) Judas – He hardened through it.
- 6) Jesus – He persevered through it.
- 7) John – He lived through it.

What Bible Verses Can Help Us?

- "Be still, and know that I am God" (**Psalm 46:10**)
- "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (**II Corinthians 1:3-4**)
- "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (**Romans 8:28**)
- "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (**Romans 15:13**)
- "Bear one another's burdens, and fulfill the law of Christ." (**Galatians 6:2**)
- "And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." (**I Peter 5:10**)