

## Mesmerized... a study of glory in the Scripture (session 7)

### “Glory’s Companion” part 2

So how in the world can “suffering” and the “glory of God” be compatible?

Why would a believer suffer? We suffer because it is a broken world. We suffer because we love people on Christ’s behalf. But there must be more at play than just those answers.

Looking at suffering through the story of Job.

- Job suffers greatly (Job 1 and 2)
  
- God does appear. (Job 38) - Instead of answering Job he begins to ask Job questions.
  - Do you understand my power?
  - What if God’s wisdom is as high and great as his power?
  
- Job says, “I shut and cover my mouth”. (Job 40)

What if there is more behind the “veil” than I know?

There are 3 general categories where you see suffering and God’s wisdom at work.

1. God uses suffering to *purify and redeem* Jonah’s own life. (Book of Jonah)
2. God uses Joseph’s *suffering for the saving of other lives*. (Genesis 37-50)
3. And Job’s life and suffering *has encouraged us and helped us to better see God and his glory*.

“Can you thank me that I trust you with this experience, even if I never tell you why?”

*\*\*Some of the ideas below are sparked by JD Greear’s book Not God Enough.*