

# Trusting God in Adversity



# A Biblical Foundation for Trusting God

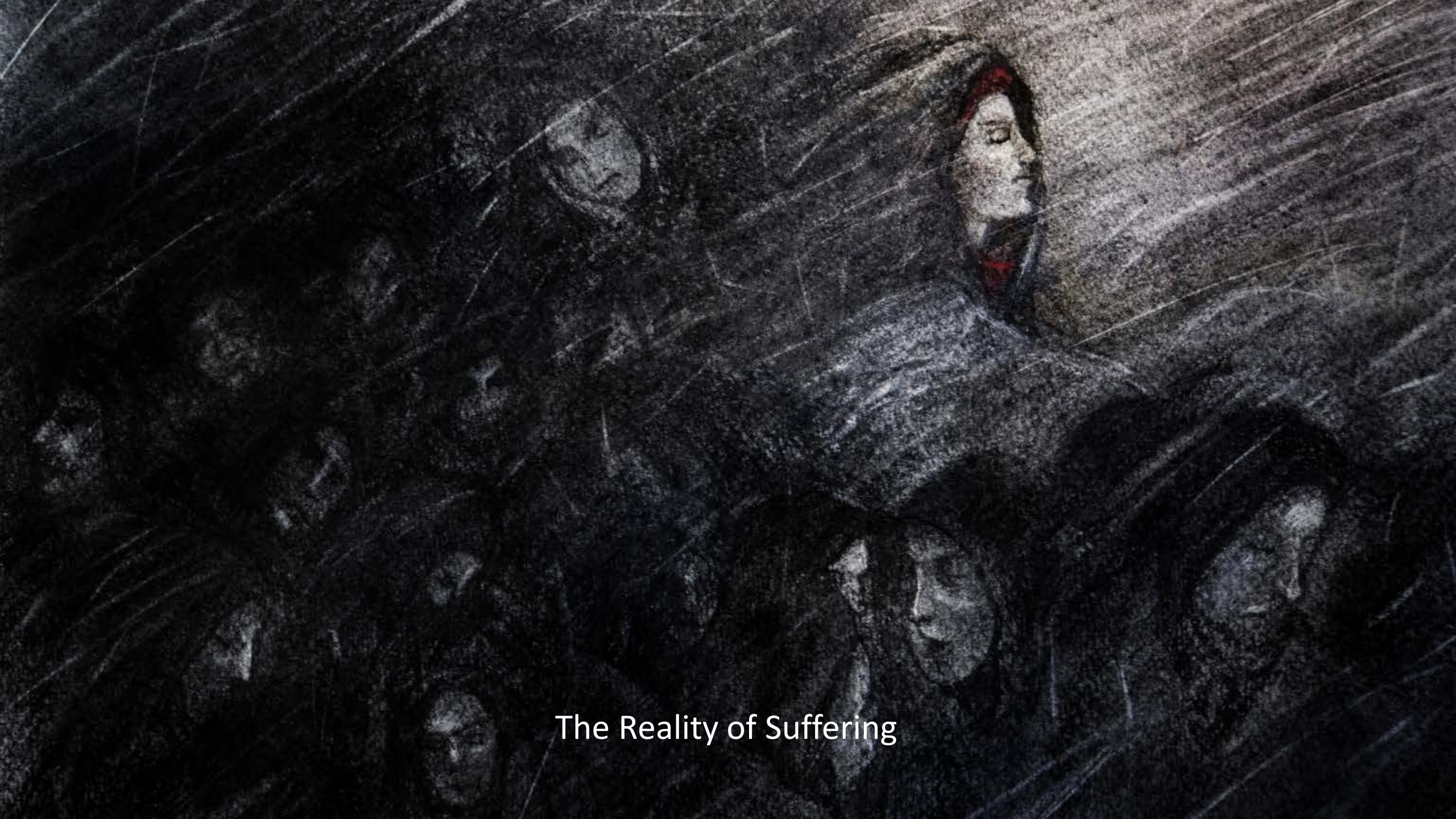
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The Reality of Suffering

# The Shades of Adversity

The language of adversity is multiplied on the lips of those who suffer and takes residence in the hearts and minds of those who look on others with sorrow and compassion:

- Trials
- Sorrow
- Affliction
- Difficulties
- Heartaches
- Darkness
- Numb
- Death
- Suffering
- Grief
- Burdens
- Brokenhearted
- Tragedy
- Despair
- Overwhelmed
- Hopeless
- Pain
- Betrayal
- Weary
- Loss
- Abandonment
- Shattered
- Illness
- Trouble



# Job's Observation



“Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward.”

- Job 5:7



# The Problem of Evil







# Some Observations from Job

- In the end, Job has nothing to say.
- The accuser and complainer is convicted of sin.
- The Book of Job provides no answers to the many questions he has about his suffering.
- We need to be cautious in probing the problem of evil and not turn our questions into accusations.
- When we demand answers for our suffering, we can expect a rebuke from God like the ones He gave to Job and to Adam.
- “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?” (Ez. 18:25).



Is God Really in Control?



# The Doctrine of Providence

- God is everywhere at work.
- The world is governed by His secret counsels.
- Sometimes God conceals the causes of events.
- There are mysteries which far transcend our understanding.
- We must be humble before God and revere His hidden judgments.
- God keeps all things under His subordination.
- The eternal decrees of God by no means prevent us from proceeding to do His will, to provide for ourselves, and arrange all of our affairs.
- Every person is under His power.
- If the Lord wills it, it must be borne.

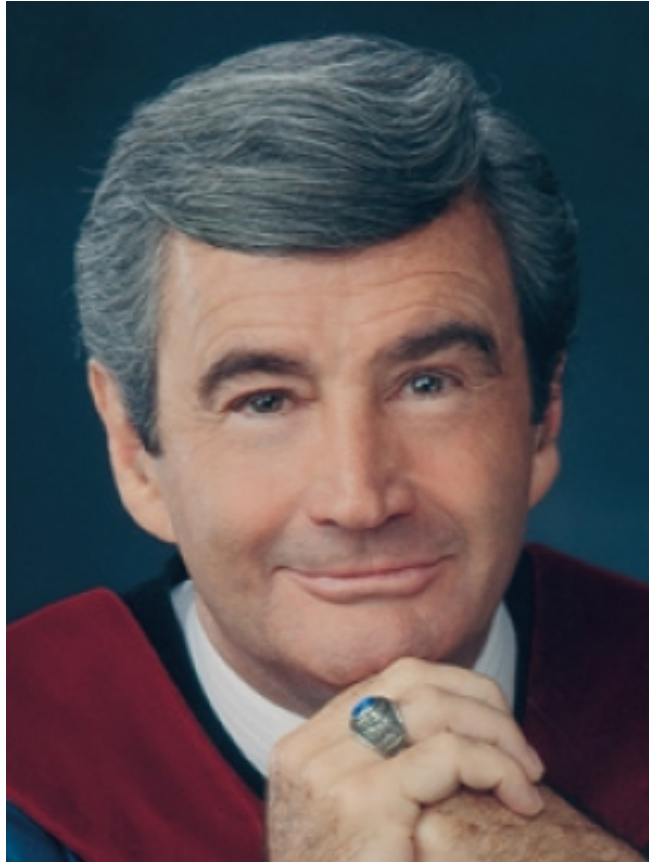


Synergy

Do All Things Really Work  
Together for Good?



# God Will Not Let Go



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“God makes it clear that whatever event comes upon us, no matter how grim or ghastly in itself, as soon as it touches our lives, the hand of God will reach down and take it captive. And God will not let go until it yields up its treasure to our soul. That is the promise of the Almighty.”



# Learning To Trust God

**Learning to trust God in adversity, pain, and suffering** is a slow and difficult sanctifying process whereby our minds and hearts are gradually transformed by the truth of Scripture and the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit to see deeply into the heart of the triune God, fully embracing His goodness, mercy, grace, and love, and trusting His promise that everything in our lives is working together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.