

# Hopeful Suffering

EXALTING CHRIST  
TOGETHER  
IN SEASONS OF PAIN



## **Things Too Wonderful for Me; Suffering and the Sovereignty of God**

### **Various Scriptures**

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To consider how we are to exalt Jesus Christ together by having hope in our suffering, we must understand what Scripture teaches about God's sovereignty even in our suffering.

What role does God have in our suffering?

1. God is sovereign.
2. Man is responsible for his own thoughts and words and actions and sin.
3. God is good.

### Questions to Consider

1. What comes to mind when you think about suffering? Are you experiencing suffering today and have you reached out to your Home Group or the elders or others in the body of believers to seek help and prayer and encouragement and counsel?
2. As Christians, what should we know about the inevitability of suffering? Why do we need to know this now?
3. What does it mean that God is sovereign? If God were to surrender elements of His sovereignty, how would that impact your trust in Him?
4. What would you say to a skeptic who says that your belief in God's sovereignty makes human beings into robots or pawns? What verses would you use to answer?
5. Why is it important to remember the goodness of God when we consider His sovereignty?
6. How does Satan's charge against God in Job 1:9-10 sound similar to modern prosperity gospel teaching? Read Job 1:20-22, and 2:9-10. What is Job confessing about God, His sovereignty, and our relationship to Him?
7. How did God answer Job's questions about *why* Job suffered as he did?
8. Read Job 42:1-6. In what did Job ultimately find his greatest hope and comfort?