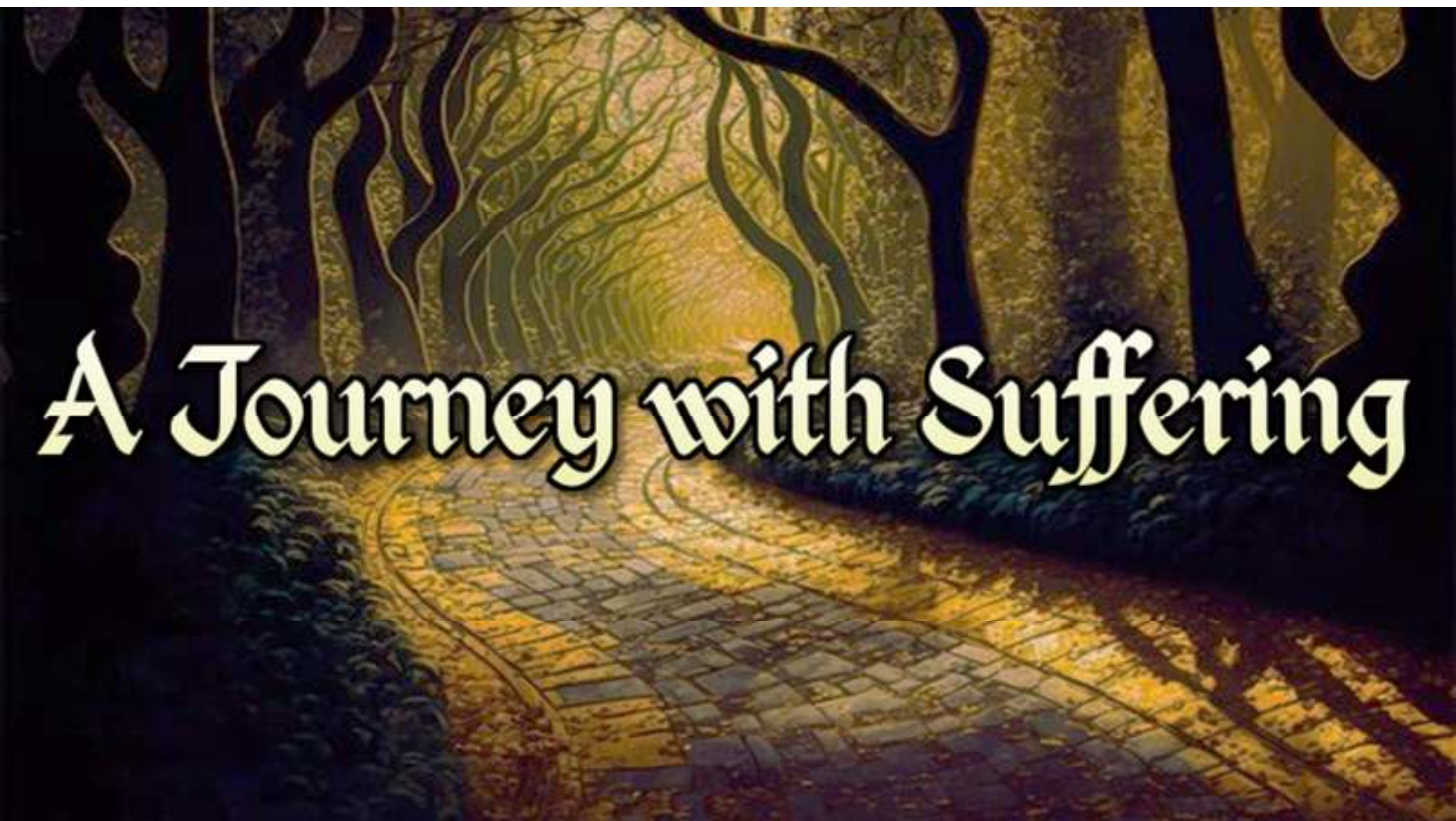




Return to OZ



A Journey with Suffering

What is Suffering?

Suffering: the state of undergoing pain, distress, or hardship

Persecution: Hostility and ill-treatment, especially based on ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation or political beliefs; persistent annoyance or harassment

All true persecution can lead to suffering, but not all suffering is persecution related (**Romans 8:35**)

***Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or
famine or nakedness or danger or sword?***



What is Suffering?

Sometimes suffering comes in the form of hardship or life complications like illness

Sometimes suffering comes in the form of lacking

Sometimes it is just trouble, life happens

Sometimes its danger as we find ourselves in situations that pose a threat to our well being

Sometimes it involves death

It can be connected to persecution, but the words are not interchangeable



Reality of Suffering

Nobody wants to suffer

We know life will bring suffering

Often suffering is consequential (We Cause It!)

No matter the source, when suffering comes, we are all looking for the same thing; the way out, we want to minimize the damage and get it over with as quickly as possible



Reality of Suffering

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10





The Merry Old Land of Uz

A Study from the Book of Job

Who is Job?

He is a real person (***Ezekiel 14:14***)

Not only is he a real man, but he is also a pretty good one

He is a dad with seven sons and three daughters

He is married He is rich – to start with

“He was the greatest man among all the people of the East”



The Land of Uz

It's not in Israel (**Jeremiah 25:20**)

Edom is a reference point (**Lamentations 4:21**)

And Job had issues with Sabeans and the Chaldeans

When you put all the markers together, we are probably talking Northern Saudi Arabia

When did he live?

Most put Job's physical life as a contemporary of Abraham there are a few that like to put him with Noah



"The Book of Job"

Who wrote the "book of Job": **Unknown**

When was "the book of Job" written: **Unknown**

The Bible has two main sections **Old Testament** and **New Testament**

The original writings have a **genres** or **purposes** for being written

The books of the Bible **are not chronological** some are, but most have overlaps



The B-I-B-L-E

New Testament

Gospels: Time of Jesus on this Planet
(Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)

History: The Establishment of the Church (Acts)

Epistles: Letters to Churches and or People
divided by author (Romans through Jude)

Prophecy: Revelation



The B-I-B-L-E

Old Testament

The Law: Written by Moses – The history of God & man
(Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy)

History: Establishing the nation of Israel and the
Kingdom of David (Joshua through Esther)

****Poetry/Literature ****

(**Job**, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes
and Song of Solomon)

Major Prophets: Isaiah through Daniel

Minor Prophets: Hosea through Malachi



“The Book of Job”

It was never considered a “historical account”

Job is not a book of prophecy

What it is, is a work of Literature based on a real-life person and actual events (A Story**)**

However, if you have ever read through the book, it best resembles a play



Why is it Here?

When I study the Bible, studying it in the context it was written allows me to make better applications

For example, Paul is writing letters to address specifics situations and people not creating or explaining church doctrine

Acts is a book about how the church was established, it's not a book on how to build a church



Why is it Here?

**The Gospels are to give us
an introduction to Jesus and
his teachings and his
fulfillment of God's plan
that simple**



"The Book of Job"

Therefore, for this series we will be studying Job as it was written

We will not be parsing words verse by verse

We are not going to read every line

We are going to dive into the characters and their interaction in the story

(God, Satan, Job, his wife, Elihu, Bildad, Eliphaz and Zophar)





Why Job?

Job 1:13-22

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