**Job 5-**

**Our typical response to pain and suffering actually reveals how we feel about God.**

***21 “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”* Job 1:21**

**God does bless our obedience, But He blesses us in spite of it, not because of it.**

**God often uses Godly men and woman share profound truths about Himself.**

***Job opens his mouth in empty talk; he multiplies words without knowledge.”* Job 35:16**

***Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Job 38:2-3***

***4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5  Who determined its measurements—surely you know!***

***8 “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, 9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, 10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, 11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? Job 28:4-5,8-11***

***“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the does? 2 Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth,***

***“Do you give the horse his might? Do you clothe his neck with a mane? 20  Do you make him leap like the locust? His majestic snorting is terrifying. 21 He paws in the valley and exults in his strength; he goes out to meet the weapons. 22 He laughs at fear and is not dismayed; he does not turn back from the sword.***

***23 Upon him rattle the quiver, the flashing spear, and the javelin. 24  With fierceness and rage he swallows the ground; he cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet. 25  When the trumpet sounds, he says ‘Aha!’ He smells the battle from afar, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.* Job 39:1-2,*19-25***

***“Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.”* Job 40:2**

***Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right? 9 Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his?* Job 40:8-9**

***“Behold, Behemoth, which I made as I made you; he eats grass like an ox.16 Behold, his strength in his loins, and his power in the muscles of his belly. 18 His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like bars of iron. Job 40:15-16, 18***

***“Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord? 2 Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook?…5 Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you put him on a leash for your girls?… 13 Who can strip off his outer garment? Who would come near him with a bridle? Job 41:1-2,5,13***

**If we think of God as a problem to be solved instead of a wonder to behold, we start to think we are the ones in control.**

***“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”* Job 42:2,5-6**

**Our greatest need isn’t a broader view of pain and suffering, its is a broader view of God.**

***For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,* 2 Corinthians 4:17**

**The cross is God’s answer to all evil, suffering and pain.**