



WEDNESDAYS *In the Word* WITH

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Why Does God Allow Suffering?

*Be on guard! Turn back from evil, for God sent this suffering to keep you from a life of evil.*

Job 36:21

God may be

- Trying to teach me something I can only learn through suffering
- Taking me somewhere I can only arrive through suffering
- Thwarting me from future harm

Have I ever thought of suffering as means protection, education, or providence?

*God is leading you away from danger, Job, to a place free from distress. He is setting your table with the best food.*

Job 36:16

But....

*But you are obsessed with whether the godless will be judged. Don't worry, judgment and justice will be upheld.*

Job 36:17

Am I more obsessed with him, her, they, them, this and that than I am about seeing what God is doing in my life and wants to do with my life?

- *But He knows the way that I take [and He pays attention to it]. When He has tried me, I will come forth as [refined] gold [pure and luminous].*

Job 23:10 AMP

- *Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.*

James 1:2-4 The Message

Awesome article on [suffering](#)

Verses from [OpenBible.info](#) regarding suffering