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Why?

Then God addresses humanity: “Here it [wisdom] is! Fear of the Lord—that’s Wisdom, and Insight means shunning evil.” (Job 28:28, MSG)

Bad luck in golf often mirrors life. You’ve practiced, put in the time, and you’re playing well, then suddenly, you get a terrible break. It feels undeserved, and inevitably, you find yourself asking, ‘Why me? Everything was going so well!’

Life’s “bad luck” operates much the same way. You’ve done everything right—lived with discipline, fulfilled your responsibilities, checked every box. And then—without warning—you’re diagnosed with cancer, you lose a loved one, or a child rebels. Suddenly, you’re left staring at that same haunting question: *Why?*

The Book of Job is a poetic tale of a man thrust from order into chaos, and left grappling with the haunting question: *Why?* After losing his wealth to raiders and his children to catastrophe, Job sits in ashes—stunned, grieving, searching for answers. He wonders where things went wrong—within himself, or perhaps even with God.

The story of Job is not about answering why suffering happens to individuals. One of its central messages is that we will rarely, if ever, fully understand why suffering occurs, especially while we are in the midst of it. The real invitation is not to explanation, but to trust.

God finally appears to Job—not with answers, but in a whirlwind. In that storm, we, like Job, come to understand that destiny and fate are not ours to unravel.

The chaos of the whirlwind symbolizes God's sovereign rule over life's disorder and confusion. At the center of it all, God does not explain Job's suffering or justify the pain. Instead, He reveals Himself to Job.

The lesson? The end game of suffering is not to uncover why, but to see *Who*. Demanding to know why can become a way of putting God on trial—questioning His character, cursing God himself. As C.S. Lewis noted:

The ancient man approached God... as the accused person approaches his judge. For the modern man, the roles are reversed: he is the judge; God is on the stand.

In the face of suffering, we all wrestle with life's deepest questions. Yet if we remain faithful to God, we are drawn back to this foundational truth: the fear of the Lord is wisdom, and true insight is found in turning from evil—and in that turning, we are quietly and deeply transformed into people who walk in full trust of our Creator.

Prayer: Job's confession: "I'm convinced: You can do anything and everything. Nothing and no one can upset your plans. You asked, 'Who is this muddying the water, ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?' I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me, made small talk about wonders way over my head. You told me, 'Listen, and let me do the talking. Let me ask the questions. You give the answers.' I admit I once lived by rumors of you; now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears! I'm sorry—forgive me. I'll never do that again, I promise! I'll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor." (Job 42:3 MSG)

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