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Job 23

Starting at a very early age, children will repeatedly ask their parents the question *Why?* And this desire for reasons isn't something we outgrow. As adults, especially during dark times when we cannot figure out what the Lord is doing, we tend to think, *If I could just know why, then it would be easier to bear.*

In his extreme suffering, Job experienced pain and frustration at God's silence. He longed to present his case and hear what the Lord had to say. But when God did not immediately respond, Job nevertheless clung to Him and relied upon what he knew to be true: "He knows the way I take; when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Like Job, we should channel our emotions and responses through the truth of God's Word. Otherwise, we might be tempted to doubt our Father's goodness and love, since they aren't readily visible in times of hardship. But if we trust in what the Scriptures reveal about God's character and ways, we can endure affliction faithfully, whether or not He ever explains why. After all, God never guaranteed us answers during our time on earth, but He did promise to be with us.

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