WHY ME, LORD?

Why me, Lord? The typical response for Christians when suffering and things are not as we expect. This is our normal human response, and we always seem to miss the point and should be looking at God's greater plan for us. For it is with his grace, we build greater spiritual faith through our trials. We should trust God's sovereignty when we are unclear and do not understand why the things are happening to us. We should view our trials as tools, rather than random forms of punishment. All of which will allow for us to shape our character and deepen our reliance on God. We must trust his purpose and timing.

Here are some points to think about as part of the "Why Me, Lord" question:

Think about Job and his indescribable emotional and physical suffering to the point that he questions why he was even born. **Job 3:11-13** *"Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb? Why were there knees to receive me and breasts that I might be nursed? For now, I would be lying down in peace; I would be asleep and at rest".*

Think about David and his constant attack from enemies, feeling helpless and alone. **Psalm 22:1** *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?"*

Think about Paul and his dealing with anxiety, opposition, and physiological challenges in dealing with pride. **2 Corinthians 12:7-9** *"or because of these surpassingly great revelations. 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".*

Finally, think about Jesus and the suffering he endured on the cross and the ultimate submission to the Father's will. **Matthew 27:46** *"About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").*

So, this week when things go wrong, unexpected, and cause you pain, reflect on these verses from scripture to comfort you and build your faith.

Amen.