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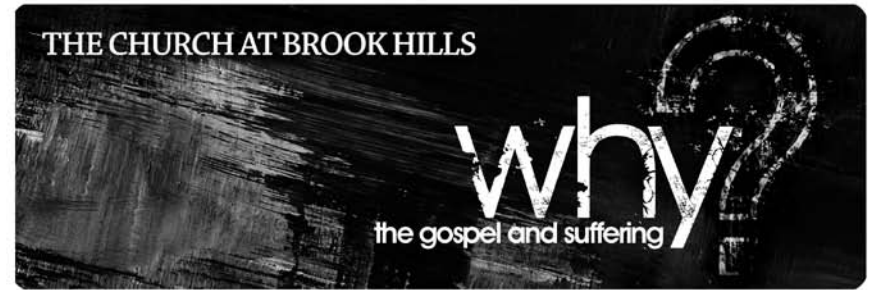
- Suffering is often _____.
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The Sovereignty of God...

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The Gospel, God's Sovereignty, and Suffering...

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- Suffering is often **undeserved**.
- Suffering is often **unexpected**.
- Suffering is often **unimaginable**.
- Suffering is always **painful**.

The Sovereignty of God...

- God is sovereign over **angels**.
- God is sovereign over **demons**.
- God is sovereign over **nations**.
- God is sovereign over **nature**.
- God is sovereign over **disease**.
- God is sovereign over **death**.
- God is sovereign over **comfort**.
- God is sovereign over **calamity**.

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- God's sovereign **design** for our lives on this earth includes suffering.
- The sovereignty of God is the only foundation for **praise** in the middle of pain.
 - ▶ His sovereignty assures us that God is in **control**.
 - At every moment in our suffering, God is **with** us.
 - At every moment in our suffering, God is **for** us.
 - ▶ His sovereignty reminds us that Satan has been **conquered**.
 - ▶ His sovereignty guarantees us that one day our suffering will **conclude**.
- Ultimately, our pain on this earth can only be understood rightly from the sovereign **perspective** of heaven.

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