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SERIES Jesus said and did a lot of memorable, meaningful and miraculous things during His life on earth. Each one of those things revealed something different about Him, but do they prove that Jesus is who He says He is?

Think about a recent situation where you experienced suffering. If you followed the Kingdom response rather than the Karma reaction, how were the works of God manifested in the situation?

Name some Biblical causes for suffering, versus “karma”. Which option puts the greatest amount of pressure on humans?

Discuss the principle that Jesus rules over suffering.

The man born blind never saw a sunrise or the faces of the people he loved. John 9:4 says, “As long as it is day we must do the works of him who sent me.” Then Jesus proceeded to spit, make mud and apply. What did the blind man do and why did the “procedure” work?

What are your thoughts about being obedient when you are hurt or suffering or in a disadvantaged situation? How is it worth it to be obedient to God?

Pastor David said that sometimes God allows us to go through suffering to equip us to help others. How can we use what we have been through to help others?

The Pharisees would not believe Jesus was from God because He broke their man made rules. (John 9:16) Even the blind man’s parents weren’t forthcoming about who healed their son for fear of getting kicked out of the synagogue. (John 9:20-23). Have you feared rejection because of your faith? How did you overcome that fear?

A key takeaway from John 9:25 is that our faith will be tested by what we see. Does Hebrews 11 contradict this? Why or why not? How will you respond to your “tests”?

How do you relate to John 9:36-39? Tell about a time you witnessed God’s help toward someone else through your suffering.