Genesis 18:25 (ESV) Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”

2 Samuel 2:1 (ESV) After this David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?” And the LORD said to him, “Go up.” David said, “To which shall I go up?” And he said, “To Hebron.”

Matthew 5:43-45 (ESV) 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

1 Peter 5:10-11 (ESV) 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

John 11:33-37 (ESV) 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

Exodus 3:7-10 (ESV) 7 Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

Psalm 145:8-9 (ESV) 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Psalm 119:64 (ESV) The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

Psalm 63:3 (ESV) Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Jeremiah 31:3 (ESV) the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Reasons for suffering:

1. Self Inflicted

Genesis 4:6-12 (ESV)  
6 The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?  
7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”  
8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.  
9 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”  
10 And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground.  
11 And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.  
12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

Genesis 6:5-8 (ESV)  
5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.  
6 And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.  
7 So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.”  
8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 8:21 (ESV)  
And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.

2. Curse on Creation because of our Separation from God.

Romans 8:19-22 (ESV)  
19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.  
20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope  
21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.  
22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.


Jonah 4:1-4 (ESV)  
1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry.  
2 And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.  
3 Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”  
4 And the LORD said, “Do you do well to be angry?”

Isaiah 53:1-6 (ESV)  
1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.  
3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.  
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.  
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.