Job 2:8
8 Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

Job 2:9
9 His wife said to him, “Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!”

Job 3:1
1 After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.
Genesis 50:10
“When they reached the threshing floor of Atad, near the Jordan, they lamented loudly and bitterly; and there Joseph observed a seven-day period of mourning for his father.”

Deuteronomy 34:8, “The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.”

God has a purpose for grief.
Psalm 30:5 “Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning”

Job 2:11–13
11 When Job’s three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him.
12 When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads.
13 Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

Grief is a natural response to loss as we try and remember this:

Ecclesiastes 3:1–2 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die..."
Job 4:1–9
1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite replied:
2 “If someone ventures a word with you, will you be impatient? But who can keep from speaking?
3 Think how you have instructed many, how you have strengthened feeble hands.
4 Your words have supported those who stumbled; you have strengthened faltering knees.
5 But now trouble comes to you, and you are discouraged; it strikes you, and you are dismayed.
6 Should not your piety be your confidence and your blameless ways your hope?
7 “Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed?
8 As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.
9 At the breath of God they are destroyed; at the blast of his anger they perish.

Job 8:1–4
1 Then Bildad the Shuhite replied to Job:
2 “How long will you go on like this? You sound like a blustering wind.
3 Does God twist justice? Does the Almighty twist what is right?
4 Your children must have sinned against him, so their punishment was well deserved.

Job 34:11
11 He repays people according to their deeds. He treats people as they deserve.
Job 13:15
15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him...

Job 23:
8 “Look, I go forward, but He is not there, and backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
9 When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him; when He turns to the right hand, I cannot see Him.
Micah 7:8
8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; when I fall, I will arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me.

10 But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

11 My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside.
12 I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Job 19:
25 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

Zechariah 14:3–4
3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.
4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

26 And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;
27 I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Job 38:1–2
1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:
2 “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Job 38:1–2 (NLT)
1 Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind:
2 “Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words?
Job 38:4 “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.

God can do anything He wants because He is God.

We believe that what God allows into our life He always has a purpose.

God does things that a lot of times makes no sense.

Surrendering it all.

He is the potter – we are the clay – He molds and shapes us however He wants so He can use us.

He is the Shepherd – we are the sheep – He leads us where He needs us.
Job 42:1–2
1 Then Job replied to the LORD:
2 “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Job 42:3
3 You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.
Job 1:21
21 and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.”

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel.

It's like this...When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a vacation - to Italy.

You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your plans.

The Coliseum, the Michelangelo David, the gondolas in Venice.

You may learn some phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives.

You pack your bags and off you go.

Several hours later, the plane lands.
The stewardess comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!" you say. "What do you mean, Holland?" I signed up for Italy!"

But there's been a change in the flight plan.

They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to some horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease.

It's just a different place.

It's slower paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy.

But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around,

and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills, Holland has tulips, Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there.

And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned." The pain of that will never go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.
Job 42:4–6
4 “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’
5 My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.
6 Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”
Matthew 6:19–21
19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.
21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.”