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BIG QUESTION
_____ *in Suffering*

THE BOOK OF JOB

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Quick Breather: *Should we study the friends' bad advice?*

Consider 4 truths from Eliphaz (Job 5:8-11):

1. Job 5:9 — God's ways are unsearchable.
2. Job 5:10 — God's gift of rain is amazing.
3. Job 5:11 — God lifts up the lowly.
4. Job 5:8 — You should seek God.

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Round 3

Eliphaz speaks (22). Job responds (23–24).

Bildad speaks (25). Job responds (26).

Zophar gives up, and Job still pleads innocent (27).

The main point of
the dialogues in Job 4–27:

Your trials aren't necessarily
caused by your sin.

Conclusion: *How Job's friends could have comforted him:*

1. They should've admitted to Job their limitations.
2. They should've approached Job to learn rather than to instruct.