Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Genesis 23

Behind the Scenes of Loss

What God is Doing When We're Grieving

1. What are your **initial observations** about Genesis 23?

2. How would you say Abraham **responded** to his loss?

3. What do you think God might have been doing while Abraham was grieving?

4. How might you, personally, provide **helpful support** to someone who has suffered a grievous loss?

A few **sturdy anchors** during times of grief and loss:

- **2 Corinthians 5:8**. For a believer, to be absent from the body is to be _____ with the Lord.

- **Psalm 34:18**. God is close by in our pain: "The LORD is _____ to the brokenhearted."

- **2 Corinthians 1:3-5**. The comfort we receive from the Lord in our suffering grows in us so we have the capacity to pass it along to _____.

I'd encourage you to share your thoughts and questions with someone you respect and trust. You may also reach out to me, brothermark@outlook.com. God bless you!
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