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A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a tropical landscape. The sky is a gradient of warm colors, transitioning from deep reds and oranges at the top to a bright yellow and blue at the horizon. Silhouettes of palm trees are visible in the foreground. Overlaid on the center of the image is the title "My Story" in a large, white, cursive font. The word "THIS IS" is printed in a smaller, white, sans-serif font above the title.

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Job 2:11-13

¹¹ Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite.

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They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.

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¹² And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven.

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¹³ And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.



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Job 3:11-12, 25-26

¹¹ Let the day perish on which I was born,
why did I not die at birth, come out from
the womb and expire?

Job 3:11-12, 25-26

¹² Why did the knees receive me? For my sighing comes instead of my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water.

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Job 3:11-12, 25-26

²⁵ For the thing that I fear comes upon me,
and what I dread befalls me. ²⁶ I am not at ease,
nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes.”



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Our responsibility to
share our suffering:

vulnerability

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Our friends' role
in supporting us:

empathy

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Job 4

Eliphaz tells Job, if you were innocent, you would prosper. Therefore, you must be suffering because you committed some evil or injustice. You are reaping what you sowed.

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Job 8

Bildad tells Job, if you want to be back on track,
become pure and upright. Repent of your sin!

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Job 11

Zophar tells Job, you actually deserve worse than you're getting. I pray God judges you even more severely.

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The (eventual) benefit
of suffering:

greater glory

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