



THE PLAN #2– SUFFERING

JOB

Call Study – Jason Park

⁶ One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them. ⁷ “Where have you come from?” the Lord asked Satan. Satan answered the Lord, “I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.” ⁸ Then the Lord asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.” ⁹ Satan replied to the Lord, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God. ¹⁰ You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! ¹¹ But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!” ¹² “All right, you may test him,” the Lord said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence. **Job 1:6-12**

SUFFERING HAPPENS

WE DO NOT ALWAYS KNOW WHY

¹² Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world. **1 Peter 4:12-13**

GOD IS PRESENT

Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. **Isaiah 41:10**

GOD IS SOVERIEGN

“Why do you confuse the issue? Why do you talk without knowing what you’re talking about? Pull yourself together, Job! Up on your feet! Stand tall! I have some questions for you, and I want some straight answers. Where were you when I created the earth? Tell me, since you know so much! Who decided on its size? Certainly you’ll know that! Who came up with the blueprints and measurements? **Job 38:1-5 MSG**

GOD CAN RESTORE

¹⁰ When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before!¹¹ Then all his brothers, sisters, and former friends came and feasted with him in his home. **Job 4:10-11**

WE ARE CALLED TO ASK

⁶ Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.⁷ Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **Phil. 4:6-7**

PRESENCE IN SUFFERING

¹¹ When three of Job’s friends heard of the tragedy he had suffered, they got together and traveled from their homes to comfort and console him. Their names were Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. ¹² When they saw Job from a distance, they scarcely recognized him. Wailing loudly, they tore their robes and threw dust into the air over their heads to show their grief. ¹³ Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words. **Job 2:11-14**

BE PRESENT

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need. **Proverbs 27:17**

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. **Romans 12:15**

BE QUIET

²⁷ The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered.

²⁸ Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues. **Proverbs 27:27-28**

PRAY WITH THEM

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. **James 5:16**

JOB’S PRAYER

Then Job replied to the Lord: ² “I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. ³ You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’ It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me. ⁴ You said, ‘Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.’ ⁵ I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. ⁶ I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.” **Job 42:2-6**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: PRAYER REQUESTS

Are any of you experiencing overwhelming challenges in your life?

Who do you know that is experiencing overwhelming challenges?

How else can we pray for you?

Week 1 - Chronological Reading Plan 2024

8. Job 17-20 9. Job 21-23 10. Job 24-28 11. Job 29-31 12. Job 32-34 13. Job 35-37 14. Job 38-39