

Part One: Why Job?

Book reading:
Introduction & Chapter 1

Daily Journaling:
Job 1 -6



Message verses:

James 5:11

As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Job 1:8

Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

Message notes:

Job begins and ends with a sacrifice, and in between is a continual sacrifice, a _____ sacrifice.

Job is a foretaste of _____.

_____ means we're human beings: flawed, limited, and weak.

The purpose of God letting Job go through this trial is that the Father wanted to reveal His heart as the _____ and _____ God.

Job has ugly characteristics—he's _____, not a super star or super hero—he's just a human like you and I.

God cares about all of our _____ and suffering.

Job will become the _____ that will look you in the eye, read you, and encourage you.

God's last word _____ over evil, darkness, and disease.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

How do you think God will show His faithfulness and goodness through the story of Job?

Pastor Jamie spoke about God's consistent presence with Job, even though Job was unaware of it. Job reacted by screaming at God out of his raw and honest pain. Was that OK? How have you reacted to difficult seasons in your past?

How can God be good and yet allow His people to experience suffering at the hands of Satan?

How have your past sufferings brought you closer to God?

Have you been tolerantly waiting to see God at work in your life, or are you enduring with faith and expectation? Why is this difference important?

Where have you seen the great compassion of God in your life?

Ministry Time:

Pray for those who are struggling to see God's great compassion.

Pray for those who need a companion in their life to walk through the fire with.

Pray for those who have been struggling with feeling defeated or stuck in the darkness.

"Job was written for the sufferers, the grieving, the lost, the broken, and the prodigals who are looking for answers, not about where Job lived, but how they can survive in a dark, evil, and despairing world. You can go astray attempting to study Job as an intellectual pursuit without a wounded heart. With a broken heart, I discovered that night by my fire that tears ignited the message of Job as drops of oil poured on a fire. Reading Job through the lens of suffering will inflame the weakest faith that's barely flickering with hope, even in the midst of intense trials."

JOB: My Ugly Priest, Chapter One