

# Learning to be STEADFAST, Lessons from Job – part 1

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**Bible Passage:** Job 1-42, James 5:11

**Introduction:** (Common questions people ask when they hurt)

**Big Idea:** A steadfast spirit is the spiritual fruit of me \_\_\_\_\_ and God proving Himself faithful during all of life's challenges. The \_\_\_\_\_ times in life reveal our deepest beliefs in God.

## #1-God demolishes the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_ theology (Job 1-2:10)

- Retribution theology is the belief that divine blessings or punishments are directly linked to human behavior.
- **Five scenes between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**
  - Job 1:1-5 – **On earth** Job lives his life and gets \_\_\_\_\_  
\* “sons of God” were angels who served in God’s heavenly court (Job 38:7; Psalm 89:6–7)
  - Job 1:6-12 – **In heaven** Satan & his angels present themselves before \_\_\_\_\_
  - Job 1:13-22 – **On earth** \_\_\_\_\_ ravages Job’s life
  - Job 2:1-7a – **In heaven** \_\_\_\_\_ again comes and presents himself before God
  - Job 2:7b-10 – **On earth** Job’s \_\_\_\_\_ is assaulted

## #2 - Job’s Dialogue About His Suffering (Job 3-31)

- Job has some \_\_\_\_\_ show up (2:11-13)
- The extended turmoil causes Job to struggle with his own understanding of God (Job 3)
  - Job’s original worshipful response is replaced with deep agony of the soul (Job 3:1-3)
- Job dialogues with his friends about his suffering (Job 4-31)

### CYCLE 1

- Eliphaz 4 & 5
- Job 6 & 7
- Bildad 8
- Job 9 & 10
- Zophar 11
- Job 12-14

### CYCLE 2

- Eliphaz 15
- Job 16 & 17
- Bildad 18
- Job 19
- Zophar 20
- Job 21

### CYCLE 3

- Eliphaz 22
- Job 23 & 24
- Bildad 25
- Job 26-31
- Zophar(silence)
- Job 29-31

## #3-\_\_\_\_\_, a young man, speaks to Job in chapters 32-37

- He introduces a thought that neither Job nor his 3 friends had ever thought about.
- God uses the words of Elihu to soften Job’s heart and ready him to hear God speak.

## #4-GOD SPEAKS (Job 38-41)

**Truth Into Action:**

- **Reject the notion** that all hard things in life are the result of sin.
- **Know that God’s hand is not** against His children.
- In light of what God said to Job, **believe that God’s hand** is holding up His children through all of life.

Pray first†



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# Table Talk

**Warm Up:** Discuss or write down the differences between a person who has the character trait of STEADFASTNESS versus the one who is FICKEL.

Our study this week will help us get to know that Old Testament character Job better.

**Read Job 1:1** and write down what you learn about the character of Job?

- **INSIGHT:** Job suffered while he was innocent. Job did not commit any sin that led to his suffering. On the contrary, Job's suffering came about as God allowed Satan to test his faith.

**Read Job 1:11-12** and make a few observations about a conversation between God and Satan.

- **INSIGHT:** Job's ability to believe was so impressive that he got the attention of God and also Satan. In this first chapter of Job, we read an account of God questioning Satan about his schemes. Satan confesses to roaming about the Earth, and God asks if the Devil has considered Job. The question sets Job up for an intense season of suffering, one that breaks him physically, emotionally, even spiritually, but he never forsakes his faith. All this occurs as a test, allowed by God to show Satan Job's faith (Job 1:11-12).

**Read Job 2:9-10** and describe the words of his wife to him.

- **INSIGHT:** Remember Job's wife was hurting too. In the middle of her pain, she offered advice that was not helpful at all. His response in Job 2:10 reveals how much faith he had in God in the face of her doubts.

**Read Job 7:20** and write down a description of what Job is doing?

- **INSIGHT:** Job got really honest with God in his prayer time. Job expresses his pain and sorrow over the circumstances in his life. The prayers of Job are a record of his deep, intimate and honest communication with God. As Christians, we can talk to God about things going well in our lives, and also our troubles. Job did not hide his troubles and spoke openly with God.

**Read Job 42:10** and record what you learn.

- **INSIGHT:** Job was restored by God. God does not allow sorrow for the sake of suffering. He allows us to experience trials to transform us into Christ-likeness and expose weak areas in our lives. Job was able to learn more about God during his struggle and further build his trust in the Lord.

**Job kept his faith.** Throughout the entire book, Job prayed, struggled, and eventually overcame. He never stopped having a relationship with God. Nor did he curse God as his wife encouraged him to do in the second chapter. Job's steadfast faith offers proof that no matter life's circumstances, maintaining faith is always a possibility.

**Closing Prayer:** Thank you, Father God, for the example of Job. Help me learn from him how much I can trust you and transform me into a person who is STEADFAST. AMEN!