

Series: Overcoming Overwhelm: Job 1&2

Week of November 1
1 LIFE engagement question
ONE aim: To see God at work in the relationships He has placed around us and join Him in His work. Praying for others in this and sharing stories builds our faith and gives us courage. Be patient and extend grace to one another as each one of you devotes yourselves to following Jesus' lead in your relationships. Everyone does not need to share each time you meet. Let God lead and do the work.

Share about your most recent prayers for your ONE.

Scripture Study & Discussion
Heavenly Father, help us wrestle with this text in a way that unveils the deeper revelation You have for us today. We seek Your heart above all else. Bring us closer to You and wrap us in a greater understanding of who You are, whose we are, and who You've made us to be. Amen.
Read (or reference): Job 1:1-5

- *The first 5 verses of Job paint a picture of abundance, well-being, and proactive faith.* ***In what ways does your own faith reflect Job's in times of peace and contentment?*** *Consider what characteristics of God's goodness become the most plain/hard-to-miss in times of blessing.*

Read (or reference): Job 1:6-12 and Job 2:1-6

- *In these passages, we see an interesting narrative unfolding.* ***What strikes you as odd or intriguing about the conversations between God and Satan?*** *Consider the questions that might naturally arise about the nature of suffering presented in this dialogue. *Optional* Look at John 9:3. How might Jesus' words relate to this scripture in Job?*

Read (or reference): Job 1:13-10 and 2:7-9

- *Here, we get an explicit rendering of what Satan sets out to do, stealing from Job every external and internal thing he would normally have relied upon. In many translations, verse 16 reframes the catastrophe as "the fire of God".* ***How might redefining catastrophe as God's doing misguide how we project His "will" in times of trouble? How is this relevant to our experience in the world today?***

**OPTIONAL: Reference John 9:6 – how does Jesus's words about the man's blindness possibly tie into this understanding?*
Read (or reference): Job 1:20-22 and 2:10-13

- *Referencing verse 1:20,* ***what place can worship have in suffering?***
- ***What is the significance that "in all this, Job did not sin or charge God with wrong" (v. 1:22) nor "sin with his lips" (v. 2:10)?*** *Consider the question of what the narrator considers sin in suffering, and in what ways Job's experience is an encouragement to us.*

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

- ***What picture of hope through suffering does Paul paint for us in this passage?*** *Consider how the suffering and resurrection of Christ might give us an even more complete picture of God's presence through our own suffering than we are given in these first couple chapters of Job.*

****SPOILER**** *We may know that through all of Job's suffering, God refurnishes Job's life at the end of the book, blessing him far beyond what he had at the beginning.* ***How might the promise of Christ and the salvation He brings reflect the abundance to come that we may not always see (or feel) now?***

Consider the ways this promise effects how we live, think, and behave in the world.

Closing Prayer Prompt: Be intentional to practice worship over our prayer requests today. Thank God for who He is and the abundance He is bringing even before our eyes can see His hands at work.

Psalm 13, "How long, Lord? How long will you hide your face from me? Must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? [...] But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me."

Please Note: *These questions pertain to the Scripture used for the weekend- not necessarily the sermon content. The direction the speaker takes may vary. The Lord works in mysterious ways. So does Brian Mills.*