

## August 5th – Trusting God in Goodness & Adversity

*“But he said to her, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”*

(Job 2:10)

There are a wide variety of opinions about God. Many say He is loving, some say He is holy, and others say He rewards those who serve Him. Among the myriad of opinions about God, nearly everyone would agree that God is good, meaning He is benevolent, kind, and giving. I think we would all agree that God has been good to each one of us! Just think about all He’s blessed you with – a home, food, clothes, family, friends, etc. He has blessed all of us immensely!

We love it when God blesses us, but we’re not so thrilled when we go through the trials of life. When the doctor gives us a bad diagnosis, when we’ve been laid off from work, when a child is going through a terrible time – these are the moments we despise. And by the way – no one says you must enjoy the trial that you’re experiencing or even that you need to welcome adversity into your life, but Scripture makes it clear that we should accept every adversity knowing that God is sovereign.

Job is a wonderful example of this truth – after he lost everything he had (animals, barns, and even children), the Scripture says the only things he had left were a nagging wife and some painful boils from head to toe. His wife encouraged him to curse God and die, but Job refused to do so. The question he posed to his wife should resonate with each of us – how can we receive countless blessings from God without also accepting burdens as well? Dear friend, you can love God through good, bad, and ugly when you know He’s promised to work all things together for your good (Rom. 8:28).