

•Job is considered by many to be the oldest book of the Bible.

•Its pages contain the story of a real man, who suffered unimaginable pain and loss.

•But despite all the tragedies that will befall his life he never turns against his God.

•Now your tragedies might have a different name. They might have shown up in a different form.

•But the pain they have caused is just as **real**.

•And here is the good news. If you have experienced tragedies like Job, then you can also experience his triumph. **DOUBLE!!!**

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. 7 And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it." 8 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" 9 So Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" 12 And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

•The uniqueness of this book, at least in part, is that the reader knows what the main character would have loved to know. The Why?

•Job suffered because Satan accused him of a self-serving devotion to God, claiming that Job was not really righteous but simply currying God's favor.

• **But he didn't know that!**

• **Is your life getting ANYONE'S attention?**

•Does it get God's? Does it get the Devil's?

• ***You don't fight those that wear the same jersey.***

•You're allowed to ask God why, but God is not obligated to answer you.

•Would it make it any easier even if you knew the why? Don't answer too quickly.

•Truth is pain is pain.

•When I got spanked. Knowing why didn't make it hurt less.

• Not wrong to ask why. But I believe that **sometimes** our whys reveal in us a lack of trust as to whether God really has a purpose for our pain.

Stop stopping on your Whys.

•The weight of a why will crush your spirit, your dreams, your future.

•If you're not careful you'll sacrifice God's greatest plans for your future on the altar of a why.

•Psalm 43:5 *Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him,*

•Even Jesus asked- Why?

•Into Your hands I commit my Spirit.

• **Then He answered the Why. IT IS FINISHED!!!**

You need to start answering your Whys.

•**Why you're not going to quit.**

•1 John 4:4 *He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

•**Why you're not going to back down.**

•Romans 8:31 *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

•**Why you're not going to give up.**

•Romans 8:37 *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

•The Attack

- “*While he was still speaking*” becomes the common phrase.
 - One after another, after another... **WHAT WILL IT TAKE?!**
 - Take away the prosperity, Satan contends, and Job’s righteousness will not only disappear but turn into bitterness.
- Can you be faithful to worship with prosperity?*
- Can you be faithful without it?*
- Can you remain faithful if you lose it?*
- Tragedy reveals the inner spirit of the man.**
- Greater than- can I trust God in this trial is Can God trust me with this trial?*