

MESSAGE APPLICATION GUIDE

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Book of Job

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1. Pastor Jeff Bucknam opens his sermon with a tragic story of Gerald Sittser instantly losing three generations of his family in a horrific car accident: his wife, his mother, and daughter.

While most of us will not experience such a catastrophic loss in our lifetime, all of us shutter at the sheer thought of it. It prompts us to turn our attention to God and want to ask questions. Like Job, If we were allowed time to ask God anything in regards to pain and suffering, what would your questions be? What would you ask God?

2. Read Job 1:7-12; 2:5-6. What stands out to you regarding Satan's role in Job's suffering? Then, discuss God's role. Where do you see God's sovereignty in it all?

3. In Job 1:20-21, we read Job's response to God after the tragic loss of his livestock, servants, and children. At times you have experienced hardship, loss, pain, and suffering, are you prone to worship God in the midst of those trials like Job did? If not, what is holding you back?

4. As Job's three friends attempted to comfort Job during his time of suffering, what counsel did they provide him? What should they have done to comfort Job?

Hint: consider the story of Pastor Jeff losing his Mom and recall how his friend Kyle Meeker came alongside him. What did Kyle do to serve Pastor Jeff well?

5. Job never gets an explanation as to why he suffers... Are you waiting on God to answer why you may have suffered, or continue to suffer? If so, please discuss with your small group.

Read Job's response to all that has happened in Job 42:1-6. How can your response look like Job's moving forward?
