

## ***Job: Where is God When it Hurts?***

Old Testament Challenge - Week of August 29

### **Bible Text:**

Book of Job

### **Theme:**

All of us will suffer in this world. We will all know disappointment, rejection, illness, death, stress, persecution, etc. In the Book of Job, we not only learn a lot about ourselves with regard to suffering, but God reveals much about Himself as well. He is in control! He delights in His creation! He can be trusted!

### **Daily Readings:**

- Monday – Job 1-2
- Tuesday – Job 3
- Wednesday – Job 4-7
- Thursday – Job 8-10
- Friday – Job 11-14
- Saturday – Job 38-40
- Sunday – Job 41

### **Bible Memory Verse:**

*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!* Job 19:25-27

### **Personal Reflection:**

1. How do you tend to respond to suffering (for example, angry at God, angry at others, depressed, hopeful, etc.)?
  
2. What does the Book of Job teach you about God?
  
3. Make a list of the principles you have learned from this book to help you when you face a time of suffering in your own life.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. If God is in control of all things, why do you think He allows suffering?
  
2. Job knew that God was in control. Job also knew that he was a good man who didn't "deserve" such circumstances. And so he was very confused. Consider:
  - Have you ever felt like Job? Explain.
  
  - What did others tell you about your suffering?
  
  - What did you learn about yourself?
  
  - What did you learn about God?
  
3. Read Job 19:25-27. With all Job had lost, how do you think he was still able to worship God?

**Action Challenge:**

If you are going through a time of suffering, make a list of verses from the Book of Job that bring perspective and encouragement. If you are going through a time of peace, who is someone in your life with whom you can share the story of Job?