

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued in the book of Job where after losing his children and his livelihood, Satan strikes Job with a horrible skin disease. Satan's goal was to get Job to curse God to his face, but God remained certain of Job's integrity and the depth of his faith. Job doesn't praise God for his ailment, but he does remind his wife when she thinks cursing God could be the right answer, that if we accept the good, we have to also accept the bad. Job's diseased skin had affected him and his appearance so drastically that three friends who had come together to visit and comfort him, hardly recognized him and immediately began grieving for him. Then they sat with Job for seven days, saying nothing, just sitting with their friend. They felt compassion for Job, and wanted him to know they were there for him. They had all most likely shared good times in the past, and now they showed up for their friend to share his in his anguish.

SCRIPTURE: JOB 2:4-13

Satan replied to the Lord, "Skin for skin! A man will give up everything he has to save his life. But reach out and take away his health, and he will surely curse you to your face!" "All right, do with him as you please," the Lord said to Satan. "But spare his life." So Satan left the Lord's presence, and he struck Job with terrible boils from head to foot. Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes. His wife said to him, "Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die." But Job replied, "You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?" So in all this, Job said nothing wrong. When three of Job's friends heard of the tragedy he had suffered, they got together and traveled from their homes to comfort and console him. Their names were Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. When they saw Job from a distance, they scarcely recognized him. Wailing loudly, they tore their robes and threw dust into the air over their heads to show their grief. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What new thoughts did Marty's message prompt in you?
2. Read Job 2:7-13. What did Satan say taking Job's health would get him to do? How did Job's wife's response confirm this assumption?
3. What do you learn from each of the responses to Job's infliction? (Job, his wife, the friends)
4. Which response do you (honestly) think you would have to continued anguish such as this?

5. When was a time you sat with a friend who was suffering? What about a time someone sat with you? Why was this meaningful and how was it helpful?

6. How can we pray for you? Is there anything happening in your life where you could use someone to sit with you?

PRAYER

Take time to remember those in your group, or friends and relatives, who may be suffering right now. Pray that God will bring compassionate, faithful, and loving companions to them, or prompt you to be that person. Pray for a healing touch from the Lord, and for comfort in their faithfulness.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.” -Psalm 34:18 NLT.