

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued in our Unwavering sermon series, focusing on Job chapters 29 and 30. Job, after suffering the overwhelming losses in his life and bad advice from friends, takes a searching and fearless personal inventory. He looks back on his life, and then faces his present condition, acknowledging the fullness of his suffering. Next week we will get to see how God restores Job's life. Before that, it is important to look at the breadth of his suffering and consider our own response to our suffering, as well as how to come alongside those who are in pain and share in their suffering.

*"Pity can be near-sighted and condescending; shared suffering can be dignifying and life-changing. As we look at Job's suffering and praying and worshiping, we see that he has already blazed a trail of courage and integrity for us to follow."* Eugene Petersen

## SCRIPTURE – JOB 28 AND 29

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out today from Marty's message?
2. Read Job 29. Job looks back at his life. Cite verses and describe what you learn about the following:
  - a. His relationship with God
  - b. His reputation in his community
  - c. His generosity
  - d. His long-term plans for his life
  - e. How his advice was received by others
3. Who is someone you know that embodies one or more of these qualities? What do you admire about them?
4. Read Job 30. Job looks at the present state of his life. Cite verses and describe what you learn about the following:
  - a. His standing in the community
  - b. His relationship with God
  - c. His spiritual, emotional, and physical anguish
  - d. God's silence

5. Have you experienced any of what Job describes in this chapter? How so?

6. Who in your life is suffering? (It could be you) How can you share in that suffering, or allow someone to share yours?

As you answer, remember:

God has not given up on you.

God knows the truth about you.

God will get you through every trial.

God will use your experience to help others.

7. How can we pray for you?

## **PRAYER**

Pray that God will invite you in to share in the suffering of others, by joining them where they are, praying and worshiping, following the trail that Job blazed. If you are in that place of suffering, allow others to share in your pain, to pray for you, to sit with you, to carry some of the burden. Ask God to reveal who those people are in your life. Thank God for never leaving you, even when he is silent.