

### Week 6

Day 1: The Sovereignty of God in Suffering

## Scripture Reading: Job 1:6-22 Devotional:

Job was a really good man. The Bible says he was "blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil." He loved God with all his heart, and he made sure to live in a way that made God happy. But something serious happened in heaven. Satan told God that Job only loved Him because of all the good things in his life. So God allowed Satan to test Job. Satan took away all of Job's animals, his servants, and even his children —all in one day! It was the worst day of Job's life. How did Job respond? He was very sad and tore his robe. But he didn't blame God or get angry. Instead, he said something amazing: "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21) Job still trusted God even when everything fell apart. He didn't understand why it happened, but he believed God was still good and still in control.

Sometimes we go through really hard things too
—like losing a pet, getting sick, or having a big
change in our family. It's okay to feel sad. But like
Job, we can choose to trust that God is in control
and still loves us.

#### **Discussion:**

- 1. Why do you think Job chose to still praise God?
- 2. Can we trust God when life doesn't go our way? **Prayer:**

Dear God, thank You for the good things You've given me. Help me trust You even when life is hard. Amen. Welcome to week 6 of our Amazonia devo! This week we are focusing on how God is in control. We will be exploring the story of Job and how he remained faithful to God and trusted that He was in control even when everything was falling apart in his life.

### Day 2: Trusting God When You're Hurting

Scripture Reading: Job 2:1-10

### **Devotional:**

After Satan took everything Job had, he wasn't finished. He said, "If Job gets sick and feels pain, he'll stop trusting You." So God allowed Satan to test Job again—but He wouldn't let Satan take Job's life. Job was suddenly covered in painful sores from head to toe. It was so bad that he sat on the ground scraping his skin with a piece of broken pottery. He was miserable. Even worse, Job's wife told him to give up. She said, "Curse God and die!" But Job replied, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

Job didn't sin or speak badly about God. Even in his pain, he still trusted God was in control. Sometimes we don't feel well, or we go through painful times. We may not understand why, but God is always with us. He cares about how we feel and wants us to talk to Him when we're hurting. Job reminds us that we can keep believing in God even when we're sick, scared, or sad.

### **Discussion:**

- 1. Have you ever felt pain or gone through a hard time?
- 2. How can you trust God when you're not feeling well?

### **Prayer:**

Dear God, thank You for being with me when I'm hurting. Help me remember that You are still in control, even when I feel sick or sad. Give me strength like You gave Job. Amen.

### Day 3: God is BIG-and He's Listening

# Scripture Reading: Job 42:1-6 Devotional:

After Job lost everything and got sick, he sat in pain and sadness. His friends came to visit, but they didn't really help. They said wrong things about God and made Job feel worse. Job began asking God lots of questions. He wanted to understand why all this happened. And guess what? God answered! But instead of giving Job all the reasons, God reminded him how powerful and wise He is. God said things like: "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand." (Job 38:4) God asked Job if he could control the stars, the animals, or the weather. Of course, Job couldn't! Only God can do those amazing things. God showed Job that even though Job didn't understand what was going on, God did. God was in control the whole time. Sometimes we want answers from God, too. We may wonder, "Why did this happen?" or "Where is God when I'm sad?" It's okay to ask questions. Job did. But we also have to remember that God sees everything. and He is much wiser than we are.

### **Discussion:**

- 1. Have you ever asked God a question?
- 2. What does it mean that God sees the "big picture"?

### **Prayer:**

God, You are so big and powerful. Thank You for listening when I talk to You. Help me to trust You at all times. Amen.

### **Day 4: God Restores & God Wins**

Scripture Reading: Job 42:7-17

### **Devotional:**

In the last chapter of Job's story, Job speaks to God again. But this time, something is different. He says: "I know that You can do all things; no purpose of Yours can be stopped." (Job 42:2) Job realized he didn't need all the answers. He just needed to trust God. And Job was right—God had a plan all along. God told Job's friends they were wrong and that Job had spoken truthfully. Then something amazing happened. God blessed Job again! He gave Job even more animals than before, more children, and a long life. Job's story shows us that God is in control from beginning to end. Even when life is hard. God is still working. He never left Job, and He'll never leave you. When things seem broken, God can restore them. When we're hurting, God can heal us. And even when we feel forgotten, God remembers.

### **Activity:**

Write a praise poem, song, or just a simple sentence that celebrates God's power and goodness. Use words like "faithful," "strong," "loving," and "in control." Perform it for your family or put it in your Bible journal. Think about situations in your life where you had to lean on God and trust that He is in control.

### **Prayer:**

Dear God, thank You for never forgetting me. Thank You for turning pain into blessing, sadness into joy, and brokenness into beauty. Amen.

# Memory Verse

"Lord God, with your great power you made the earth and the sky. There is nothing too hard for you to do." Jeremiah 32:17 (ERV)

