THE BOOK OF JOB
"MAN OF SUFFERING"
SCRIPTURE: JOB 1 & 2; PSALM 24
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INTRODUCTION

- The book of Job is a story written to grapple with a deep issue: Is God actually good?
- We're left without an answer about why Job suffers, but we are left with the certainty of two things:
  - God is Sovereign and God is Good.
- How do we live when life doesn't make sense and bad things happen to good people?

I. GOD, JOB AND THE ACCUSER

- There is a deep connection between Jesus and Job.
  - Their shared perseverance and continued faith in God are profound!
- Job 1:1-3, "There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity…[2] He had seven sons and three daughters. [3] He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels…had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area."
- Job 1:8, Then the LORD asked Satan, "Have you noticed my servant, Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity…"
- As uncomfortable as it makes us, we cannot disconnect suffering from God!
- Job 1:9-12, "Satan replied to the LORD, "Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God…You have made him prosper in everything he does…" [12] "All right, you may test him..."

II. JOB'S FIRST TEST

- Job's servants, livestock and children are all killed!
- Job 1:18-19, "…another messenger arrived…"Your sons and daughters were feasting...[19] Suddenly, a powerful wind…hit the house...The house collapsed, and all your children are dead…"
- First Response - Job 1:20-22, "Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship…"
- What has happened to Job to this point in his journey with God that in all this he would…WORSHIP?
- Somewhere in his journey Job predetermined that God was good, regardless of what he felt, experienced, or understood.

III. JOB'S SECOND TEST

- God knew Job's heart, God is confident in Job!!
- Would we pass the test? Would we live like and respond like Job?
- Job 2:3, Then the LORD asked Satan, "Have you noticed my servant Job?…he has maintained his integrity…"
- Would God say that you and I maintained our integrity in the middle of our most difficult moments?
- Job 2:4-8, Satan replied…"…[5] But reach out and take away his health, and he will surely curse you to your face!" [6] "All right, do with him as you please," the LORD said to Satan. "But spare his life..."
- Is it possible that God allows suffering?
- Is it possible that God causes suffering?
- Why is there suffering? We never get that answer in Job.
- Second Response - Job 2:9-10, "Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?"
- Job assumes that God is good.
- Job doesn't tell us why good people suffer, but it does show us how we should live in the middle of our suffering.

CLOSE

- What if we've failed? What if we're not 'full of integrity?'
- Luke 22:31-33, "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. [32] But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail..."
- Jesus' invitation to us, in the middle of suffering, failure: there is hope, but its only found in Him.
- In life we are often left without answers; but we can be certain that: God is Sovereign and God is Good.