

## May Teaching Series

### OUR CHOICES IN THE MIDST OF TRAGEDY

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#### Key Scriptures

Job 1:8-22

“So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing?” (v.9)

#### A Brief Introduction

1. The Book of Job is the oldest book in the Bible.
2. The Book of Job is no mere Parable. Job was a real man, in fact, one of the greatest men of all time. God compared him with Noah and Daniel for Integrity. (Eze. 14:14-20)
3. In the New Testament Job was cited for his example of patience while suffering affliction. (James 5:10-11)

#### Greatness of Job’s Character

“Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one fears God and shuns evils?”(v.8)

- Blameless
- Upright
- Fearing God
- Turning away from evil

#### Greatness of Job’s Test

(Job 1:13-19, Job 2:1-6)

- He lost everything he had. (Economically)
- He lost all his children, and his wife turned against him. (Domestically)
- His body was stricken with great pain and boils. (Physically)
- His relatives and friends misjudged and forsook him. (Socially)
- He was very confused. (Mentally)
- His circumstances looked hopeless. (Emotionally)
- God was silent for months. (Spiritually)

#### Greatness of Job’s Response

Common Responses:

- Leaves God out of tragedy
- Asks questions
- Harbors anger
- Looks for someone to blame

#### Greatness of Job’s Response

- Worship
- Humility

- Silence
- Acceptance

#### LESSONS FOR US TODAY

1. It's difficult to make wise choices when you're hurting, angry, confused, unforgiving, and bitter. But you can, by the grace of God.
2. Trust can be difficult, especially when things don't make sense. But they make sense to God.
3. If we serve and obey God because He blesses us, the shallowness of our faith will show up in the testing time.
4. Faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted.
5. The more important battle takes place inside of us; will we trust God?
6. Never allow tragedy to cause you to doubt God's love and care.
7. When one Christian suffers, it should hurt us all, for we are all members of Christ's body.