

Message Notes for 7-5-20
How Big Is Your God? Part 2
Job

Job 1:1-5 (NIV) ¹ *In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.*

² *He had seven sons and three daughters,*

³ *and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.*

⁴ *His sons used to take turns holding feasts in their homes, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.*

⁵ *When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would send and have them purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.*

- It's the story of _____
- Uz is a place where very _____ things happen to a very _____ man.
- Uz is a place where suffering not only comes but it comes _____ and without _____

Read Job 1:6-12; 1:20-22

Job 2:3-6 (NIV) ³ *Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."*

⁴ *"Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life.*

⁵ *But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."*

⁶ *The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."*

- Satan was charging _____ with being naive!
- At the center of all that there is we find a God who is self-_____, self-_____ and even suffering in the expression of his _____ for mankind
- The story ends with a declaration that the self-sacrificing God is _____ than our _____!

Read Job 2:7-10

Job 2:12 (NIV) ¹² *When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads.*

- _____ with those who _____ (Romans 12:15)
- There is something about the very act of self-giving, self-sacrificial love that is _____ because it is at the core of reality.

Read Job 3:2-4; 3:8; 3:11

- Job's friends were convinced whatever you are experiencing is what you have _____ by how you live.
- Job _____ God, tries to _____ to God, _____ God . . .

Job 23:3-4 (NIV) ³ *If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling!*

⁴ *I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments.*

Job 38:1 (ESV) ¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

Job 38:2-7 (NIV) ² "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?

³ Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.

⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?

⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone--

⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

- God is pointing out that Job has a _____ mind and a _____ point of view
- God's questions are indicating something about the kind of person _____
- The hinge of the whole story: Job's _____ of the _____ of God.

Job 38:25-27 (NIV) ²⁵ Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm,

²⁶ to water a land where no man lives, a desert with no one in it,

²⁷ to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass?

- God is _____

Read Job 40:15-19

- He's just _____ good
- He's uncontrollably _____
- He's irrationally _____
- He gives all over the place for _____...

Job 42:5 (NIV) ⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

Job 42:2 (NIV) ² "I know that you can do all things; _____ plan of yours can be _____

Job 42:7 (NIV) ⁷ After the LORD had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.

Job 42:12-15 (NIV) ¹² The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.

¹³ And he also had seven sons and three daughters.

¹⁴ The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch.

¹⁵ Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

Now Job is being:

- gratuitously _____
- uncontrollably _____
- irrationally _____ . . .

Can a human being hold on to God and faith, and life, and love when it doesn't seem to pay off? And one _____, and one _____!

Application: Don't _____, don't _____

- There is this _____
- P.S. Nothing happened to Job that did not _____!