

INTRODUCTION

You will have many different experiences this week.

Use this journal to help you record

and respond to the call of God.

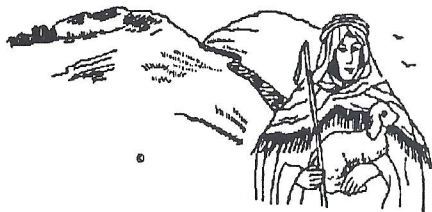


REMINDER:

Job knew many things about what you will encounter this week.

Please read:
Job 9:30-31
Job 6:6-7

May you never be the same!



SUNDAY

SAFE SUFFERING

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

1. Job 1:21 — Even when everything was uprooted by the storm of suffering Job trusted God.
2. Job 2:9-10 — He continues to trust in God and keeps his integrity.
3. Job 2:11-13 — His friends do not know what to say.

MEMORY QUESTIONS

- When you were on the edge at repelling what common feelings did you share with Job?
- What will you tell your grandchildren about today?

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- What did you discover about yourself today?
- What did you discover about trusting God today?

TOUGH QUESTIONS

- What will it take for you to feel safe in your storm?
- In what area of your life is it hardest to trust God?

MORE READING

I Peter 4:12-16
Philippians 3:10-11
Romans 8:18
Psalms 73

HIGHER GROUND

Read I Peter 4: 12-16, 19.
How can the storms of your life be calmed in the midst of suffering? Are you willing to suffer, if that is God's will for your life?



MONDAY

TRAILS OR TRIALS

Life is difficult! It is even more difficult when we put "I" first. Then our trails become trials.

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

1. Job 3:3, 11, 16, 24-26 — Job is in great pain
2. Job 6:11-13 — Job begins to worry about whether he can hold up. He takes his focus off of God.
3. Job 6:14-17 — Job cannot depend on his friends.

MEMORY QUESTIONS

- What will you remember about the trail today?
- What was in your pack that you wish had not been there?

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- What did you discover about your ability to endure pain today?
- How did you keep focusing on God today?

TOUGH QUESTIONS

- How do you cope if your friends are undependable?
- What hard trials at home do you let take your focus off God?

MORE READING

Hebrews 12:1-3

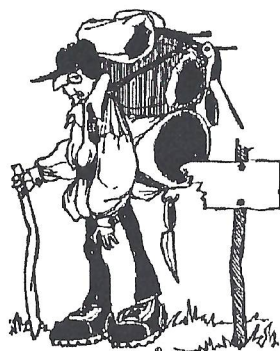
James 1:2-4

Philippians 4:13

I Corinthians 10:13

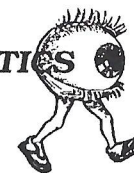
HIGHER GROUND

Using I Cor. 10:13, did God provide Job a spiritual "way out"? Does a "way out" have to be a physical blessing or can it be directed towards the inner man? Reflect upon the thought that God will give us a method whereby we may withstand the temptation.



TUESDAY

OPEN OPTICS



SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

1. Job 7:7-8 — Job is blinded by despair; his vision clouded by pain. Job can not see reality.
2. Job 42:5 — Through his storm Job encounters God. He no longer knows about God; he knows God. His eyes have been opened.

MEMORY QUESTIONS

- What reality did you see more clearly through solo time that was cloudy before?
- How do you see God in his mountains?

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- What did you discover about your sight today?
- How did God see you today?

TOUGH QUESTIONS

- How will you act differently now that your eyes are open?
- How can you help your friends to see God more clearly?



MORE READINGS

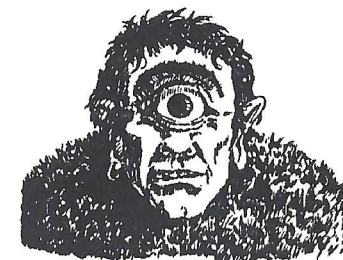
II Kings 6:15-17

John 9:39-41

I Corinthians 2:9-10

Psalms 119:18

Psalms 141:8



HIGHER GROUND

In John 9:39-41, Jesus is stressing spiritual, rather than physical sight. Or is He? Do you see Job understanding this visual difference in his storm? Do you see the difference in your storms?

WEDNESDAY

REDEEMER REVEALED

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

1. Job 9:9-11 — Job realizes God is too big to comprehend. His view of God had been inadequate.
2. Job 19:25-27 — Job knows that he will see God and that God will save him. He longs to see God's face.
3. Job 40:1-5 — Job cannot answer God; he can only remain silent. He has no complaint in the face of a revealed redeemer.

MEMORY QUESTIONS

- What will you always remember about today?
- Who showed the most heart today?

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- How was the redeemer revealed to you today?
- What did you learn about the boundaries of God today?

TOUGH QUESTIONS

- What summit is waiting for you at home?
- What is something you wished you had never said?

MORE READINGS

Matthew 11:25-26

Psalms 19:14

Psalms 78:35

HIGHER GROUND

Matthew 11:25-27

How is it different to be like a little child as opposed to being wise and learned? Does God reveal himself to us as He did to Job?



THURSDAY

MOUNTAIN OR MOLE HILL

(We take mole hills [small problems] and make them mountains [large problems]. But in the middle of this turmoil (storm) God calls on us.)

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

1. Job 38:1-3 — It is out of the storm God speaks.
2. Job 31:24-28 — If we let anything stand between us and God, we would be unfaithful. We take the unimportant (mole hill) and put it between us and God (mountain).
3. Job 42:10, 12, 17 — Job survives the storm and prospers.

MEMORY QUESTIONS

- What was the best part of getting back to Base Camp?
- What tasted the best today?

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- Did you climb a mountain or a mole hill?
- How did God speak to you on the mountain of this week?
- What did you discover about what stands between you and God?

TOUGH QUESTIONS

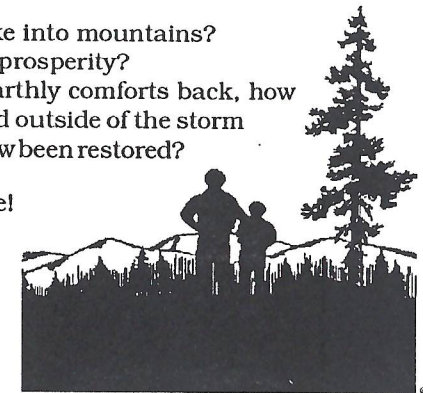
- What mole hills do you make into mountains?
- What will you do with your prosperity?
- As you are receiving your earthly comforts back, how will you continue to seek God outside of the storm now that your "hedge" has now been restored?

MORE READINGS — Your choice!

HIGHER GROUND

Consider James 1:2-4. It must be awfully difficult to see the calm (redemption, forgiveness, justice or recovery) during the storms of life. It was for Job. How do you persevere?

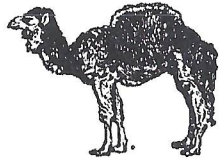
How do you do at seeing those things when there is no storm with which to struggle? (Do you see God when there is no struggle?)



JOB
A CONDENSED VERSION

CHAPTER 1

NARRATOR 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. He had seven sons and three daughters, 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.



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



One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. The LORD said to Satan,

GOD: Where have you come from?

SATAN: From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.

GOD: 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.

SATAN: Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herd are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.

GOD: Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.

NARRATOR: Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" While he was still

speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship.

JOB: Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.

NARRATOR: In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrong doing.

CHAPTER 2

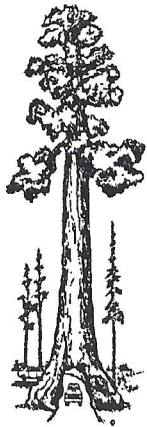
NARRATOR: On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. And the LORD said to Satan,

GOD: Where have you come from?

SATAN: From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it.

GOD: 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.





SATAN: Skin for skin! A man will give all he has for his own life. But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.

GOD: Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.

NARRATOR: So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

MRS. JOB: Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!

JOB: You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?

NARRATOR: In all of this, Job did not sin in what he said.

When Job's three friends, Eliphaz, the Temanite, Bildad, the Shuhite and Zophar, the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. 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. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

CHAPTER 3

JOB: Oh, I wish I had never been born. I curse the day when it was said, "It's a boy." I wish I had been stillborn; I wish I had never seen the light of day! What I feared has come upon me. I have no peace, no quietness; I have not rest but only turmoil!

CHAPTER 4 & 5

ELIPHAZ: Can I say something? Would you become angry if I tried to help? You have helped many people - been a source of encouragement. We know that the innocent never perish and we know the wicked are destroyed. If I were you, I would lay my cause before God and not despise the discipline of the Almighty. After all, God corrects those He loves. He will then restore you.



CHAPTER 6 & 7

JOB: If only my anguish could be weighted. If it were placed upon the scales, it would outweigh the sands of the sea. I only wish God would kill me! And you my friends have disappointed me; you have not helped at all. God is picking on me. God, will you just leave me alone? What have I ever done to you?

CHAPTER 8

BILDAD: How can you say such things? Is God unjust? If you were pure, God would give your possessions back. The wicked are like weeds that grow and then die or like a spider's web that someone puts his hand on. The wicked look good for a while, but then God destroys them!

CHAPTER 9 & 10

JOB: How can I argue with God? He is too powerful! Even though I am innocent, I could not prove it before God! It isn't fair! God destroys the wicked and the blameless! I loathe my very life and I will not stop complaining. God, why are you doing this to me? I am not guilty! Why did you make me, now only to destroy me?

CHAPTER 11

ZOPHAR: After all you have said about God, I am sure that not only are you guilty, but God has forgotten some of your sins. You need to repent! If you turn from your sins, God will even yet bless you.

CHAPTER 12:14

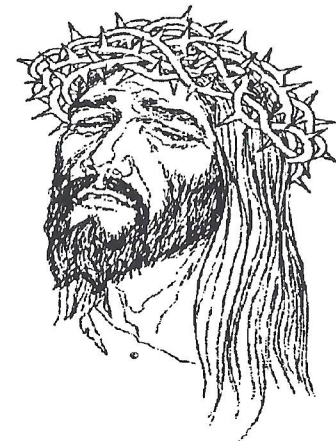
JOB: You think you know it all. I have become a laughing stock to my friends even though I am blameless! I know God is all powerful and all wise, but He uses His power and wisdom to destroy anyone He wants. There are only two things I want: God to quit causing me to suffer and to meet me and tell me what I have done wrong.

CHAPTER 15

ELIPHAZ: Are you wiser than everyone else? Everyone is a sinner before God. And we know the wicked shall suffer! God will always destroy the wicked.

CHAPTER 16 & 17

JOB: You are terrible comforters. Will your long speeches never end? I



keep telling you God has destroyed me, yet I am innocent! But I have lost all hope.

CHAPTER 18

BILDAD: When will you end your speeches and be sensible so we can talk? You think we are stupid. But we know you are wicked because God destroys the wicked!



CHAPTER 19

JOB: How long will you torment me and crush me with words? God has wronged me and there is no justice. I wish I could record my defense upon a rock so people in the future would know I am innocent!

CHAPTER 20

ZOPHAR: What you are saying troubles me; I have to respond. The happiness of the wicked is brief. All who are wicked won't last long.

CHAPTER 21

JOB: Listen to me a minute before you mock me some more. You need to look around. There are plenty of wicked people who prosper. I know many wicked people who grow old and prosper and see their children prosper. Your answers are nonsense.

CHAPTER 22

ELIPHAZ: Let me tell you what you have done wrong. You demanded security for no reason, gave not water to the weary, did not help the widows. Will you keep on doing evil? You need to submit to God and be at peace with Him.

CHAPTER 23 & 24

JOB: If God would come — If I could meet Him face to face, I would state my case. I would fill my mouth with arguments. I would force Him to admit that I am innocent. If I were tested, I would come out as gold! But God does nothing about injustice.

CHAPTER 25

BILDAD: How can you say that about God? Man cannot be righteous before God. Man is only a maggot before God!

CHAPTER 26-31

JOB: I know as well as you do that God is all-powerful, but He has used His power to deny me justice. I will never deny my integrity. I will maintain my righteousness and never let go of it. Nowhere on earth is there wisdom. Only God is wise and the source of all wisdom. But how has he used his wisdom? In the good old days God blessed me and everyone respected me. I was able to help anyone in need. But now they mock me and I am a byword to the people! And yet I am innocent! I have never lusted after a woman. I am not dishonest. I have never committed adultery. I am fair to my servants. I have always helped the poor. I am innocent! Oh, I wish God would answer me!

CHAPTER 32-37

ELIHU: I realize I am young and that is why I have not spoken before. But none of you have proved Job wrong. You have not answered his arguments. Now I ask you, Job, for permission to speak. God is greater than man. He does not have to answer man. When he does speak to man, sometimes it is in dreams and visions, but other times it is through suffering that God talks with man. God is the one who created everything. How can He be accused of wrong? He knows all the ways of man and He sees every step. Man is accountable to God, not the other way around. God does not have to answer when He is summoned. God delivers man through affliction. God is a great teacher if we will listen to His lessons.

(God speaks to Job out of the storm)

CHAPTER 38-40:3

GOD: Who is this that is supposed to be wise? Job, brace yourself. I will ask questions and you answer me. Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? Who marked off the dimensions? Surely, you know. Where does light live and where does darkness come from? Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons? Do you give the horse his strength? Does the eagle soar at your command? Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? Let him who accuses God answer Him!

CHAPTER 40:4-5

JOB: I am unworthy; how can I reply to you? I can say no more.



CHAPTER 40:6 - 41

GOD: Would you discredit my justice? If you were God, what would you do with the proud and the arrogant? Can you wrestle a hippopotamus which I created? Can you tame an alligator and lead him on a leash? If you cannot deal with the creation, how can you contend with the Creator?

CHAPTER 42

JOB: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge? Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."



NARRATOR: After the LORD had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite,

GOD: "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job had."

NARRATOR: So Eliphaz, the Temanite, Bildad, the Shuhite and Zophar, the Naamathite did what the LORD told them; and the LORD accepted Job's prayer. After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought upon him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. 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. And he also had seven sons and three daughters. 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. After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so he died, old and full of years.

