

"The Integrity that Holds" Joh 2:1-13 – September 13, 2020

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. What is the worst sickness that you have ever experienced during your years walking with Christ? What affect did it have on your heart and soul? How did it influence your relationship with God?

QUICK REVIEW

The book of Job tells the story of the suffering of a godly man. Unbeknownst to Job (and his friends), God held him forth in heaven as a man exemplary of genuine faith. In Job 1-2, we are given a "behind the scenes" perspective on the life of Job and the severe trials he underwent. What we learn about Job here sheds light on the dialogue that occurs in the many chapters that follow.

Read Job 2:1-13

The Testing of Job's Integrity

1. A	in Heaven (2:1-6)
2. A	on Earth (2:7-8)
3. A	to a Spouse (2:9-10)
4. A	of Friends (2:11-13)

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1.	The integrity of Job's faith was being tested. When has your spiritual integrity been challenged? In what places, or under what circumstances, have you been tempted to act out in defiance to God?
2.	Reading through Job 2:1-10, what indications do you find of the sovereignty of God? Do you find any evidence that even while Satan was instigating, God was ultimately in charge?
3.	Read Isaiah 45:6-7. How does the idea of God's sovereignty even over human calamity sit with you? Does this upset you or comfort you? How?
4.	Like Job, the Apostle Paul would later have his health attacked by Satan. Read II Corinthians 12:1-10. What evidence do you find of satanic involvement? But what was God's purpose? How does this speak into your experience?
5.	Read II Corinthians 6:14. The concept of the "equal yoke" is often thought of in terms of marriage. What do you make of Job's marriage? How can a couple pursue unity in the midst of the suffering of this world? Why is this important?