

Intro

- Welcome
- **Q—favorite...**
- **Q—What are some reasons people might turn away from God?**
- Talk about a guy who was put to the test; who had valuable things taken from him and what his reaction was to those losses

Job 1:1-3 (reader)

- Good sense of who Job is
- **Q—How would you feel if you were Job? “the greatest man among all the people”**

Job put to the test

- **Q—Have you ever lost something valuable? How did that make you feel?**
- Job 1:8-19 (read yourself)
 - Vs 8—again, Job has reason to feel pretty good about himself
- Satan says that even though Job seems faithful NOW, once all his blessings are taken away, he will turn away from God
- Job loses...
 - Stolen oxen and killed servants-verses 14-15
 - Fire consumed sheep and servants-verse 16
 - Stolen camels and killed servants-verse 17
 - 7 sons and 3 daughters killed when house collapsed-18-19
- **Q—How would you feel after all this news?**
- **Q—Have you ever lost something in life that has made you angry or question God?**
- Job tested again...Job 2:3-7 (reader)
- This time Job’s own flesh and blood is the test. Remember, Satan is using all these things to get Job to turn away from God
- **Q—What else in our lives can make us turn away or question God?**

Job complains and questions, God answers

- Job and his friends spend the next 36 chapters questioning God asking the famous question, “Why?”
- Job 38:1-11 (reader)
- **Q—What is God’s reaction to Job’s doubts?**
 - God gives Job evidence that He has a master plan and that His power and understanding is far above our own. He did this so that Job would stop doubting and complaining.
- **Q—Where do you find your security in your relationship with God? Different for every person...**
 - God’s power/nature
 - God’s unconditional love
 - Things always seem to work out in the end

Job’s final reply

- Job 42:1-6
- **Q—What do we see was Job’s reaction to God’s answer?**
 - Realized he cannot understand God and saw his evidence for confidence in God and saw that questioning God only led to confusion
- Verse 5—sometimes we have to be tested to see our reaction. Even though sometimes we think we have it all together, we can experience things that make us question God.
- Our reaction needs to be like Job’s—to find reasons for confidence in God, see that questioning God’s plan or power is futile, and never, ever leave God for any reason no matter how drastic or dramatic