

“In God We Trust? - Part deux”
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Life is full of trouble... Romans 8:18-24; Job 5:7a, 14:1b (NLT)
Job's Story... (NLT)

- Disaster Took His Fortune (1:3, 13-17)
- Disease Tortured His Flesh (2:7-8)
- Death Touched His Family (1:18-19)
- Deceit Turned Away His Friends (2:9, 6:15a)
- The Devil Did NOT Destroy His Faith (1:20-22, 5:8-9)

BIG IDEA:
Trust God in time of trouble!

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: Job 13:15a (NKJV)

Three things that Job could trust in God during times of trouble:

1. Job Trusted In God's Purpose!
Job 23:10; Romans 8:28, 1 Peter 1:7a (NLT)
2. Job Trusted In God's Power!
Job 19:24-25a (NLT)
3. Job Trusted in God's Promise!
Job 19:25-27; Romans 8:38, 1 Peter 1:7b (NLT)

In times of trouble, may the LORD answer your cry... Psalm 20:1 (NLT)
Then call on me when you are in trouble... Psalm 50:15 (NLT)
I will call to you whenever I'm in trouble... Psalm 86:7 (NLT)
“LORD, help!” they cried in their trouble... Psalm 107:19-21 (NLT)

“You will not know that God is all you need until God is all you have”

We are pressed on every side by troubles,
but we are not crushed.
We are perplexed, but not driven to despair.
We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God.
We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.
2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NLT)

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For further study of today's message

ENTRY POINT: The Book of Job tells the story of an honest, God-fearing man who endured, with patience and perseverance, the loss of everything God had blessed him with. Though Job did not understand why all the bad things were happening to him – and he did have periods of questioning God's plan – he never lost faith! Read the Book of Job.

What is your first response to a crisis of any kind? Is it, “Why me?” or are you able to think, “Why **not** me?”

What God permits, He permits for a reason. Think of a time you were suffering. Can you see how that suffering was designed for you by God? For what purpose? What did you learn?

We are 100% certain to suffer at times. And 100% certain that God will meet us, comfort us, and come for us! In what circumstances has God's power been visible to others through your life? How do others see your full reliance on God through times of suffering and uncertainty?

How does the “peace that surpasses all understanding...” (Philippians 4:7) look in your life? What promises are you standing on?

*“God causes everything
to work together for the good
for those who love God
and are called
according to his purpose for them.”
Romans 8:28*