

**NEW - Part 1**  
**"THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE UGLY"**  
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**SHARPEN THE POINT**  
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*For further study of today's message*

1) When things get Ugly **we have family!**

1 Peter 3:1  
1 Peter 3:7  
1 Peter 3:8-9  
Ephesians 5:25  
Galatians 6:1

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2) When things get Ugly **we are blessed!**

1 Peter 3:13-15,17  
1 Peter 1:7  
Romans 8:28  
2 Timothy 2:3  
Acts 5:41

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3) When things get Ugly **Remember Jesus.**

1 Peter 3:17-18  
1 Peter 3:22  
James 5:13

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**ENTRY POINT:** The Book of Job tells of one man identified – **chosen** - by God to undergo a series of staggering ordeals at the hand of Satan. In God's words, Job was a "a man of complete integrity. He fears God and will have nothing to do with evil." But the real story of Job is in his faith. In his response to his trials and tragedies.

How have you been "refined by fire?" What was your response? How did the experience impact your faith?

Faith based on rewards or blessings is shallow! Does your response to suffering show others that your faith is built on the confidence that God's ultimate purpose will come to pass? How?

Knowing that we live in a fallen world, where sin is not always punished and good not always rewarded, how would you explain your faith in God's ultimate goodness to a non-believer?

Job questioned God because he did not understand the "whys" of his many ordeals. But his faith remained in spite of his questions. When trials persist, do you have doubt in your faith **or** do you have faith in your doubt?

*"This suffering is all  
part of what God called you to.  
Christ, who suffered for you, is your example.  
Follow in his steps."  
I Peter 2:21*