

How Do I Start?

Welcome to **day 14** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! Thank you for your commitment as we seek the Lord together and look to Him to lead us as a church family. Throughout this study we have focused a lot on our faith in God and our obedience to His call. But what happens when things go bad? ... really bad. The book of Job is an invaluable resource for those who are walking through the difficulties of life. Job is a book all about perspective. In the opening chapters Job is seen as the hero in the throne room of God but from Job's perspective, he believes he is the victim. The reader is invited to see both sides but even this God-like perspective doesn't alleviate our questions. Job asks in chapter 2 verse 10, "should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?" Well... what do you think? Job teaches us there is a difference between the consequences of sin and a God-given trial. Job's condition was not a consequence for his sin but was an opportunity to increase his faith and deepen his relationship with God. Job never lost his faith but he did question God's justice. You can read chapters 3, 27-31 if you want to more fully understand Job's complaint with God. How does God respond? By changing Job's perspective! God makes Job focus on who God is. Job's renewed perspective restores his hope and strengthens his relationship with God. "I only heard about You before, but now I have seen You with my own eyes." Now that's a whole new perspective!

Things to pray about today:

1. God, thank you for the trials you have lead us through.
2. Lord, renew our perspective on You and strengthen our hope in You.
3. Give us the wisdom to expect trials and the strength to trust You.

Today's Reading - Job 1-2, 31, 38-42

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: _____

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen