



Grace Under Pressure - Week One

Consider My Servant Job

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Grace under pressure turns problems into possibilities.

This Series—A study of one of the most mysterious books of the Bible that seeks to answer the question: “Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?”

What do we do when we keep all the rules, and do everything right, and things still fall apart? How do find Grace Under Pressure?

Is God Picking On You?

It might feel like it, if you have a day as bad as these people...

Have you ever wondered—maybe out loud—what God was up to?

Maybe you asked that question few times over the past 18 months

Funny thing about the way Job begins...

God makes a bet with the D.A. in the story.

And the result of the bet is pretty costly...

This is a story—but it’s one that we resonate with...

Despite what we read here—don’t blame God for your problems, God didn’t cause them.

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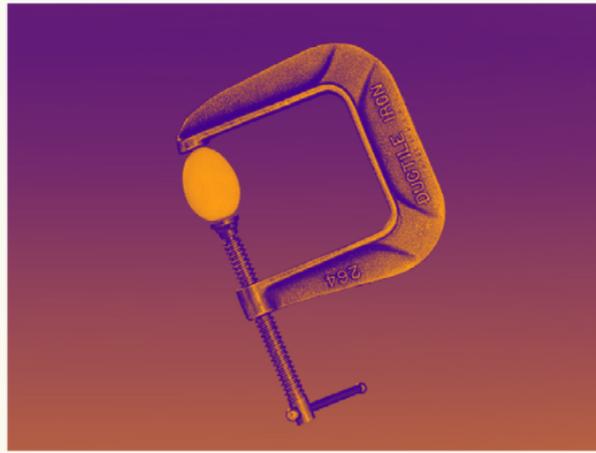
- *What are we reading here, exactly...? A parable—written as a response.*
- *Theodicy Questions—Where is God? Why did God? What is God doing?*
- *Bad things happened to people whether they kept the law or not.*
- *Job loses everything and then some—even his wife turns on him out of grief.*

What can we learn from this passage and this story to help us discover what it means to have grace under pressure—to keep trusting when it’s nearly impossible to trust?

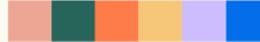
Grace Under Pressure—Trusting God when it doesn’t make sense.

- *Getting what we deserve—do we really? (Humility)*
- *Giving thanks for what was—remembering well. (Gratitude)*
- *Choosing to live in expectation—despite the evidence. (Hope)*

GRACE UNDER PRESSURE



LESSONS FROM JOB



SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

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When Bad Things Happen To Good People

Rabbi Harold Kushner

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Victor Frankl

Falling Upward

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