



## Grace Under Pressure - Week Two

Consider My Servant Job

**Job 23:1-9, 16-17**

Grace under pressure means refusing to give up God.

***This series — a study of one of the most mysterious books of the Bible that seeks to [tackle] 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 we find Grace Under Pressure?*

- Suffering comes in a wide range of intensities, and happens to everyone.
- Yet a common (bad) response is to blame the sufferer.

### **GRACE UNDER PRESSURE MEANS REFUSING TO GIVE UP GOD**

#### ***Job 23:1-9, 16-17***

- What are we reading here, exactly...? A courtroom brief, where Job daringly rejects what everyone else assumes: Job knows that God (really the Satan) has brought false charges!
- Theodicy Questions—Where is God? Why did God? What is God doing?
- Bad theology: "you must have deserved suffering" and "suffering is there to make you better."
- Despite suffering, and despite feeling abandoned, Job does not give up God.
- Job — and others — know God stays in relationship regardless of how things look outside.

***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—Refusing to Give Up God**

- We can trust God to hold our whole (angry, messy) selves
- We don't have to make sense of suffering
- Through grace we have an unshakeable connection to God