



“Job’s Perfect Storm of Suffering”

Week of August 23, 2020

Personal Reflection & Group Discussion Guide

1. How would you define the term “perfect storm”? Based on this definition, describe a perfect storm in your life. What happened? How did you react? What was the outcome?
2. Job’s life depicts a season we would call a perfect storm. In what ways can you relate to what he experienced (i.e., with circumstances, with people in his life, with his reaction)?
3. Read Job 30:15-22 aloud. When you read these verses, what phrases stand out to you? What is it about these phrases that cause them to stand out? What do you think they mean?
4. Three possible “postures” we can take based on Job’s life example of a perfect storm:
 - It can overwhelm us: financial strife, physical ailments, relationship issues, or lost loved ones. It can feel like life is stacked against us. Being a Christian doesn’t exempt us from suffering, but we can still have hope in the middle of it. In what way?
 - It can drive us away from God: the duration and intensity of the suffering can cause disillusionment, anger towards God for “allowing” the suffering, and more. We don’t walk through the storm alone, however. How has this been true for you?
 - It can cause clarity: We can see God more clearly than ever through the lens of suffering. Would you agree with this? What is the reason you do/do not agree?
5. Suffering is something we have in common with Christ. He was rejected by those He loved, persecuted by the church of which He was a part, and abandoned by His followers. However, He continued forward and we are encouraged to do the same and give comfort to others because God will comfort us (I Cor. 1:3-5). How do these verses encourage you?

Main Idea

A “perfect storm” is when all of the elements are in place for a specific event to occur.

In our lives, no matter the suffering circumstance, God is still King...over the elements.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

**Read aloud:
Job 30:15-22
I Cor. 1:3-5**

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.