The Power of Pain

Greg Kline · Job 1:1–22

INTRODUCTION

- There's always somebody who has it worse than you.
- The book of Job is there for us to read from, to learn from, so that we can know for certain there is, there was, and forever will be somebody who had it worse than us.
- Job truly was a great man. But the sad part of the story is that's not exactly how we often remember him. We remember him as somebody who went through a great deal of pain.

1 Satan Knew Pain Was Powerful

Job 1:6–12; Job 1:20–22; Job 2:3–7

- I want to be realistic this morning and be honest and confront the truth that there is pain in this world, and it is powerful.
- In all this, Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.
- Pain comes to everybody. If there is anybody who was insulated from it was Job.
- Satan knows that pain is powerful, and its power can pull even the best of us away from our loving and merciful God.

2 Pain Came for Those Around Him

Job 2:9–10; Job 3:3–11; Job 3:26

- Then his wife said to him, Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.
- Shall we receive good from God? And shall we not receive evil? And all this Job did not sin with his lips.
- Pain wouldn't just come for Job. Pain came for who? Job's wife. And Job's friends.
- Even this Job in chapter 3, you see him at his breaking point.
- I am not at ease, nor am I quiet. I have no rest. But trouble comes.

3 Pain Can Serve a Strong Purpose

James 1:2–8

- Pain is a part of life. And while not always the reason, pain can, in some cases, serve a strong purpose.
- We can't blame God because he didn't do it, even though Satan wanted him to.
- You know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
- When we are at our most vulnerable, when we are in the most pain, and we don't understand why, it's the time that we can see, pray, and trust in God the most.
- We have to take times of reflection and of pain to realize I can't do it on my own. I need God.

4 Reach Out to God and to Each Other

Job 2:11–13

- They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.
- Job 2.11 is a powerful blueprint for what it means to be a true friend, a true comforter, a true encouragement.
- We have to look out for one another because Satan is trying to pick us off one by one, and he can, will, and does use pain to do it.
- We need to reach out to God, but we need to reach out to each other.
- For seven days and seven nights, they were just there.

5 Our Trust Must Be Cemented in the Lord

Job 42:1–6

- Our trust must be cemented, firmly standing in the Lord.
- I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
- I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you.
- Pain can serve as a refining process that can build and strengthen our faith.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you're here this morning, recognize that you can trust in God, you can accept him, you can not only just hear of him, but you can now see his presence.**

MY NOTES