

STREET SMARTS: JOB

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MESSAGE RECAP

This sermon explores the book of Job, emphasizing its wisdom in suffering. Job is presented as a righteous man who experiences extreme loss and pain, challenging the belief that suffering is always a consequence of wrongdoing. This book pulls back the curtain between heaven and earth, revealing a spiritual dimension to Job's trials. Despite losing everything, Job worships God, showcasing unwavering faith. Wisdom is trusting that what was true of God before the suffering remains true even in the midst of it.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What's something you've held onto through difficult times that gave you strength or hope?
2. Read Job 1 and talk through different ideas that stand out.
 - a. What do we learn about Job's Character and his response to suffering?
 - b. Why would it be wise to worship through suffering?
3. Read Job 2:1-10 – The Presence of Evil and Free Will
 - a. Satan challenges Job's loyalty, suggesting he only worships because of his blessings. What does this reveal about the nature of evil and suffering?
 - b. How does this illustrate the concept of free will and the reality of evil in the world?
4. Job's wife urges him to curse God, but he responds, "Shall we accept good from God and not trouble?" Why do you think Job refuses to blame God for his suffering?
5. Job's Friends: Job 2:11-13
 - a. Job's friends show compassion by sitting with him in silence for seven days. Why is this significant?
 - b. Job's friends eventually speak and offer explanations. In what ways might we unintentionally hurt others by trying to explain their pain?
6. God's Response: Job 38:1-7 (Chapters 38-42)
 - a. In what ways does remembering God's authority help you trust him during the difficult seasons?
7. Spent time praying for each other, asking for wisdom and perseverance through trials.