

GRACE CITY CHURCH

Out of the **WHIRLWIND**

WEEK 1: WHY (AND WHY NOT)?

JEREMY BELL, TEACHING PASTOR

JOB 1:8-22 NIV

8 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." 9 "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. 10 "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11. But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." 12 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. 13 One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, 15 and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" 16 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" 17 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" 18 While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 19 when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" 20 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 21 and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." 22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

NOTES

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

ALL IN, TOGETHER

General Budget

2024 Weekly Budget:	\$10,967
Given February 11th:	\$11,710
Difference:	\$743

2024 Annual Budget:	\$570,284
2024 Budget YTD:	\$65,802
2024 Given YTD:	\$89,197
Difference:	\$23,395

Build Your Church Fund

BYC February 11th:	\$2,825
BYC Total Given:	\$597,519

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GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

If everything were stripped away from you like Job, how would you respond? Would you be able to praise God?

Living by faith does not guarantee suffering won't happen. Have you ever thought that suffering was a result of a lack of faith or something you did wrong?

Satan thinks that Job only worships God because of all the blessings he has in his life. What are some reasons you worship God?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 NIV

TAKE A STEP:

Jesus acknowledges that suffering is something we will encounter; there is no escaping it. Whether or not you are dealing with suffering, there are those around you who could be. Pray for the people in your life who are going through hardship.

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