

The Story

Job

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

Week of September 21, 2008

Read Chapter 4 of The Story. "Job's Test"

If you think YOU had it rough, check out Job's story!

1. **Describe a typical hardship for someone of the following ages:**
 - a 5 year old
 - a 13 year old
 - a 16 year old
 - a 40 year old
 - a 90 year old
2. **How would you answer the previous questions differently if we were talking about the possible hardships for people those ages in Sudan or Somalia (Africa) or Afghanistan?** (Of course, you may have little experience or knowledge of these places other than what the media presents, but you can imagine their difficulties may be different from yours.)
3. **Was Job suffering because of his sins? Did his friends think so?**
4. **What answer did Job receive to his question of why he was suffering?**
5. **Why does God sometimes seem silent when people suffer?**
6. **Have (or would) YOU ever let someone suffer when you had the option to alleviate it?** (maybe not...but how about a screaming child trapped in "time-out" who would be very happy if allowed to watch tv, homeless person asking for a dollar, letting someone learn something "the hard way," *not* telling that lady her skirt is tucked up and she's exposing more than she'd like...)
7. **Job loved God for who God was, not for what he could get from God. What can you learn from Job's attitude?**