



Sermon  
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Guide

Sunday, March 30, 2025

## FAITH PROFILES

### When Faith Meets Silence

#### Read/Reflect

1. Read Job 1:1-12. What's your initial reaction to this scenario; what questions immediately pop up for you?
2. The general assumption in Israelite culture was that goodness was always rewarded, and bad deeds were always punished. Identify the ways that Job is characterized. Why is he characterized in this way? How does that set up the point of the entire book?
3. Read Job 2:11-13. Is the silence of Job's three friends appropriate? How would you have reacted to Job?

God & Satan dialogue (ch. 1,2)  
Job & his friends (ch. 3-37)  
God speaks (ch. 38-41)  
Job's restoration (ch. 42)

#### Explore

4. When you've gone through a time in which you thought God owed you an explanation, or you simply longed to hear from God, what did you do? How did things turn out?
5. What do you think of a God who sets Job up for some extreme suffering?
6. What happens to your faith when God is silent to the hardship in your life?

<input type="checkbox"/> I complain to God	<input type="checkbox"/> I get angry at God	<input type="checkbox"/> I trust God more
<input type="checkbox"/> I get defensive with God	<input type="checkbox"/> I give up on God	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I submit to God		
7. Why would explanation still not be sufficient for justifying God's action (see 42:1-6)? How can we receive God's silence in our lives?

#### Pray

- Pray for an outpouring of God's grace in the midst of trying times (yours or others).
- Pray for God to show his mercy in the midst of the suffering of people you know, but also for those throughout the world who live in extreme suffering – be as specific as you can.