

Job 1–2:10 invites us into one of faith’s hardest questions: what happens to our trust in God after devastating loss? Job does not offer quick explanations or easy answers. Instead, he shows us a faithful posture in the first hours and days of grief: honest lament, refusal of shallow answers, and continued turning toward God. This study explores what it means to “worship in shock”—not because suffering makes sense, but because God remains present, sovereign, and ultimately revealed in Jesus, the innocent sufferer who enters our grief to redeem it.

1. I asked in the message, “What happens to faith after the funeral?” How have you seen suffering test, deepen, destroy, or reshape faith?
2. Job tears his robe, shaves his head, falls to the ground, and worships. What does this teach us about the relationship between grief and worship? Why might it matter that Job grieves honestly before he worships? What happens when we try to have one without the other?
3. The message says, “Job doesn’t worship instead of grieving; he worships as a grieving person.” Why is that distinction important?
4. In Job 1–2, we are shown that Job’s suffering is not punishment for his mistakes or sin. Why do people often assume suffering must be tied to something they did wrong? When have you seen suffering come through sins or circumstances outside a person’s control?
5. In my message, I encouraged compassion toward Job’s wife because she, too, has suffered devastating loss. How can we be gentler with people who speak out of pain, anger, or despair? How does compassion help us understand someone’s behavior without excusing it?
6. When life feels unjust or confusing, what are some ways people may turn away from God for comfort, wisdom, or help? What might it look like to return to Him?
7. How does Jesus, the truly innocent sufferer, change the way we understand God’s presence and provision in suffering?



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MAM Back to School Drive

Sun, Aug 2-23

Your donations will allow local parents to shop for uniforms and other school essentials so their children can begin the new school year ready to thrive! Learn more or donate: mambts.mdpc.org

Alpha Launch Night

Tue, Sep 8 | 6:30-9pm

At Alpha Launch, you’ll eat great food and watch an episode in the Alpha series on a question of faith. Everyone’s welcome, no matter your background or beliefs. The evening and childcare are free, so come see if it’s for you! More info and RSVP: alphalaunch.mdpc.org

Ladies Bingo Night

Thu, Sep 10 | 5:30-8:30pm | MDPC

Get ready for a night of fun, laughter, and connection with women of all ages at MDPC! Unwind, meet new friends, and enjoy 10 exciting rounds of bingo—complete with great prizes and a grand prize finale: bingo.mdpc.org

MomCo: Good Company

Every other Thu, Sep 10-Apr 29 | 9:30-11:30am

Calling all moms looking for community, encouragement, and a sense of belonging! Whether you’re navigating diapers, school drop-offs, or somewhere in between, you’ll find women who understand. Free childcare. Sign up: momco.mdpc.org

The Family Impact Project

Sat, Sep 12 | Times vary

Looking for a meaningful way to serve alongside your family? Join us for a one-day opportunity to bless members of our church and community through simple acts of service. No special skills

are required—just a willing heart and a desire to serve! More info and registration: FIP.mdpc.org

Men’s Life: Finding Your True Identity

Tue, Sep 15-Nov 17 | 6:30-7:45am

In Men’s Life 2026, we’ll discover who you already are in Christ and learn to live from the identity God has given you—not the one the world tries to assign. Learn more and register: ml.mdpc.org

Noche de Sabor, “Night of Flavor”

Sat, Sep 19 | 6-9pm

Everyone’s invited to our free annual multicultural celebration! We come together each year to lift up the different cultures represented in our Spanish-language congregation. Come hungry and get to know your Fuente family! nds.mdpc.org

Make an IMPACT!

Training: Sun, Sep 20 | 12:30pm

Games. Conversation. Friendship. That’s all it takes to make a difference! Spend just 30 minutes each week with a child who would benefit from another caring adult in their life: impact.mdpc.org

H-Town Fellows at MDPC

Sep 2026-May 2027 | Wednesdays at 6pm

Are you a professional ready to seek God’s purpose for your career? H-Town Fellows trains Christians to live the gospel coherently across vocation, community, and culture. For scholarship information, reach out to Joshua Smith at jsmith@mdpc.org. Apply at fellows.mdpc.org.

Save the Date! Marriage Retreat

Sat-Sun, Oct 17-18 | Moody Gardens Resort

Registration is open! Led by Brett and Kellie Hurst. Details: marriageretreat.mdpc.org





As you enter worship, we kindly ask that you silence your cell phones.

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship	Clay Brown
*Songs of Praise	Rejoice Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Confession & Assurance	Rachel Poysky
Song of Response	Jesus Paid It All
Prayer	Clay Brown

HEARING THE WORD

Song of Preparation	Bridge Over Troubled Water	
Message	Faith After the Funeral: The Job Journey Worship in Shock (Job 1:1-2:10 NRSV)	Alf Halvorson

RESPONDING

Offertory	I Need Thee Every Hour
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SENDING

*Benediction	Alf Halvorson
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9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship	Meliza Gómez
*Songs of Praise	How Good It Is A Thousand Hallelujahs Firm Foundation
Confession & Assurance	Sally Henien
Song of Response	Jesus Paid It All
Prayer	Clay Brown

HEARING THE WORD

Song of Preparation	Bridge Over Troubled Water	
Message	Faith After the Funeral: The Job Journey Worship in Shock (Job 1:1-2:10 NRSV)	Alf Halvorson

RESPONDING

Offertory	I Need Thee Every Hour
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SENDING

*Benediction	Alf Halvorson
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Blended and Contemporary Worship Leaders
MDPC Worship Team: Uvaldo Callejas, David Cavazos, Asher Pudlo, Will Story
Meliza Gómez, Contemporary Worship Director | Michael Middleton, Generational Worship Director

*Please stand, if comfortable.

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

GATHERING

Preludes	Serenade Clair de Lune	Franz Schubert (1797-1828) Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Call to Worship		Clay Brown
Choral Introit	Praise	Alec Rowley (1892-1958)
*Hymn of Praise	Our God, Our Help in Ages Past Vs. 1, 2, 3, 5	#210 ST. ANNE
*Confession and Assurance of Pardon		Clay Brown

*Affirmation of Faith from The Heidelberg Catechism

*Psalm Response	Psalm 103: O Bless the Lord My Soul	#145 MARION
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HEARING THE WORD

Anthem of Preparation	Bridge Over Troubled Water	arr. Audrey Snyder (b. 1953)
Message	Faith After the Funeral: The Job Journey Worship in Shock (Job 1:1-2:10 NRSV)	Alf Halvorson

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response	I Need Thee Every Hour Vs. 1, 3, 5	#265 NEED (FROM THE METHODIST HYMNAL)
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Prayer	Clay Brown
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Offertory	Blessed Be the Name of the Lord	Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012)
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*Doxology	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	#592 OLD 100TH
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*Benediction	Alf Halvorson
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Postlude	Festive March	Henry Smart (1813-1879)
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Traditional Worship Leaders
Choral Ensemble | Gabrielle Tyler, soloist | Kathryn White, organist
Charles Hausmann, Traditional Worship Director

*Please stand, if comfortable.

HAPPENING AROUND MDPC

Come Try the Choir!

The Sanctuary Choir welcomes singers of all ages and experience levels! With varied music and flexible commitments—one Sunday, one month, or all season—there’s a place for you. Rehearsals resume Aug 26; the choir returns to worship Aug 30. Learn more: choir.mdpc.org



Food Service Update

MDPC Cafe and Food Service has moved to a new model, sourcing food from various Houston vendors. Join us for weekday lunch at MDPC Café to experience the updates! More info: cafe.mdpc.org

Officer Nominations

We need your help identifying members whose gifts may be calling them into leadership at MDPC. Who stands out as a future Elder or Deacon? Submit nominations using the form at nominate.mdpc.org.

Remember Our Frontline Mission Partners

MDPC partners in local and global ministry truly covet your prayers! Find out this week’s prayer recipients by picking up the prayer booklet available around campus or visit partners.mdpc.org.

Financial Update as of Aug 9, 2026

2026 Annual Budget	\$ 14,728,728
Actual Income to Date	7,915,923
Needed to Meet 2026 Budget	6,812,805