

**Today's Message**  
**"Why, God?"**  
**An Overview of the Book of Job**  
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True faith rests not in circumstances, but in the unchanging character of God.

**Notes:**

## Weekly Devotional Are You Available?

A mother had difficulty convincing her son to get up for church on a Sunday morning. He finally awakened and said he didn't want to go. She said, "You *will* go to church today son." He blurted, "Give me three good reasons I should go to church today." She replied, "Number one, I am your mother and it's always important to listen to your mother! Number two, your soul will grow in a Bible-believing and teaching church. And number three, *you are the pastor!*"

Maxie D. Dunnam writes, "To live is to choose. Life on earth is life in the making. It involves constant choice and constant conflict—conflict between the different facets of our nature that struggle for dominance; conflict between the causes that vie for our allegiance; conflict between a false suggestion from our exterior world and a true intuition of the inner self; conflict between self-dominance and self-surrender. Through the continuous making of resolute decisions, we pattern our lives and we mold our character."

Living with devotion to Christ and His purposes for the local church (fellowship, discipleship, ministry, worship, and evangelism) will add, not subtract from your life. Jesus explains it this way: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). A seed by itself is unable to become anything else. It's just unchanged and alone. When planted in the ground, though it appears to be "dead and buried" it is really set free. It will be able to become something entirely new, beautiful and life-giving. A seed's death will bring *life*.

In a culture preoccupied with momentary pleasures, let's focus and be available for the tasks that matter—helping straying sheep return to the Shepherd of souls (See 1 Peter 2:25), and serving and loving one another. Our Lord tells us so: **"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you"** (John 13:14-15).

Our love,

Pastor Kent and Trish

"Never tell a child you have a soul. Teach him, you are a soul; you have a body" – George MacDonald  
(1824-1905)