

**PAIN – LIFE Group Study Guide**  
**Where is God? - Part 5, TRUSTED WITH TROUBLE**  
**Pastor Miles McPherson, October 9th, 2016**



**THIS WEEK:** Pastor Miles, uses the story of Job to illustrate what the response to pain and suffering looks like. What it often does look like, and what it should look like. Using the real world scenario Job faced as an example we can look at our own encounters with pain and suffering on every level and apply the lessons given in his story to our own story.

**Opening Discussion - Study Questions:**

Jerry Fallwell said "You do not measure a man's greatness by his talent or wealth, as the world does, but rather by what it takes to discourage him."

What circumstances would discourage you (or have discouraged you in the past) enough to come between you and your trust in God?

In Job 1:12 we can see that God sets the parameters of every battle, and places unbreakable limits on our enemies. What limits has God placed on the righteous?

Miles said that "the battle is us against Satan, not God against Satan, why is that?"

How is God glorified in our victories over sin?

## **Group Activity - Putting Knowledge Into Action:**

### **In Small Groups of 2 or 3:**

Identify times in your life where your pain response was less like Job's (Job 1:20-22) and more like his wife's (Job 2:9)

What charges is or has Satan given to you to bring against God?

As a group; identify which of the following "battle fields" are you taking or loosing ground in? a. Prayer b. Worship c. Fellowship d. Obedience e. Ministry f. Pride g. Fear h. Faith

As a group; identify what actions can you bring to bear as re-enforcements to these battle fields?

In Pain & Suffering Satan seeks to separate us from God. What are some of God's reasons for allowing pain and suffering in the lives of His children?

### **Going Deeper - Personal Challenge:**

Put into writing a list of the reasons of why you serve the living God?

Put into writing a list of the reasons of what you come to church for?

What pain response is God trusting you for?

### **Taking it Home - Application:**

Job would make arrangements for his children to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

Identify any "regular arrangements", "customs" or the lack of that reveal the measure of your faith in your daily life?

Ask God to search your heart to reveal and remove any reasons that you are or may be "using" God for?

**Bonus Video:** "On Earth As It Is In Heaven" - Part 6, Trusted With Trouble By Miles McPherson - June 22, 2014 <http://www.sdrock.com/messages/2014-06-22/>

**MEMORY VERSE:** Ps-139-23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

LIFE GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS:

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