

SPRING TEACHING SERIES 2023

HOW TO  
FACE  
ADVERSITY

FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Week 4



• **“How Do You Respond to Adversity” Pt. 2**

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# To understand adversity...

1. What is adversity?
2. Where does adversity come from?
3. What is the purpose of adversity?
4. How to respond to adversity?



# • Two different reactions:

1. Our natural reaction during adversity

2. God's desired reaction during adversity



# 1. Our natural reaction to adversity.

A. Doubt God.

B. Fear.

C. Give up

D. Negativity



## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Don't be surprised.

1 Peter 4:12-14

- <sup>12</sup> *Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. 13 Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering*

## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Have the right attitude.

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Rom. 5

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James 1:2

Consider pure Joy... whenever you face trials of any kinds

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- Be positive.

Rom. 5

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## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Have the right understanding.

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## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Have the right understanding.

James 1:2

*Consider pure Joy... whenever you face trials of any kinds 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces.... Perseverance...*

## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Faith over fear.

John 16:33

*<sup>33</sup> I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."*

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## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Worship.

Job 1:1

*There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil*



## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- **Worship.**

VERSE 13

- **BEGINS THE ACCOUNT OF THE UNRAVELING OF JOB'S LIFE, WHEN HE HEARS A REPORT THAT THE SIBEANS HAD STOLEN ALL JOB'S OXEN AND DONKEYS.**
- **AND THAT THEY HAD KILLED ALL THE SERVANTS THAT WERE TENDING TO THEM.**

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## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- **Worship.**

- **WHILE HE WAS RECEIVING THIS NEWS, ANOTHER SERVANT COMES IN TO REPORT THAT THE FIRE OF GOD HAD STRUCK ALL HIS SHEEP AND THE SERVANTS WATCHING OVER THEM, AND THEY WERE ALL GONE.**
- **WHILE HE WAS RECEIVING THIS NEWS, ANOTHER SERVANT COMES IN TO REPORT THAT THE CHALDEANS HAD RAIDED THE LAND AND STOLEN ALL THE CAMELS, AND KILLED THE SERVANTS TENDING TO THEM.**



## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- **Worship.**

V.18

- ***“A SERVANT CAME TO JOB AND REPORTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BUILDING COLLAPSE AND ALL OF HIS CHILDREN WERE DEAD.***

## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- **Worship.**

**Job.1. V.20-22**

- *“JOB STOOD UP, TORE HIS ROBE, AND SHAVED HIS HEAD.*
- *THEN HE FELL TO THE GROUND AND WORSHIPPED.*
- *NAKED I CAME FROM MY MOTHER'S WOMB, AND NAKED SHALL I RETURN. THE LORD GAVE AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY; BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.*

## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Persevere.

### Luke 8:13

- <sup>13</sup> *Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.*

## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Persevere.

Luke 8:13

- *And in time of testing fall away.*
- “Time” is kairos, it's not chronos.
- Kairos = A specific moment, time of *Test Adversity*.

## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Persevere.

James 1:3

- <sup>3</sup> *For you know that when “your faith is tested”*

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- Persevere.

Job 13:15

- “**Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.**”

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- Persevere.

- **Adversity** cannot destroy true faith; but it can test it.

- **True faith can't be destroyed by adversity**, it endures, it perseveres right through the **adversity**.

## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Persevere.

God bringing adversities into our life is not destroying our faith, He's manifesting it.

2 Chronicles 32:31

- *God left him only to test him, that he might know all that was in his heart.*



## 2. God's desired reaction to adversity

- Persevere.

James 1:12

- *Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."*

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