

HELLO my name is...

NOT SO

AVERAGE JOES

WEEK 3

Faith is based in trust
not CIRCUMSTANCE.



Job 13:15b

¹⁵ "...even if he killed me,
I'd keep on hoping." [MSG]

I have no other hope. [NLT]

God's highest priority is not
to make us HAPPY,
but to make us HOLY.

Job 1:8-12

⁸ There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

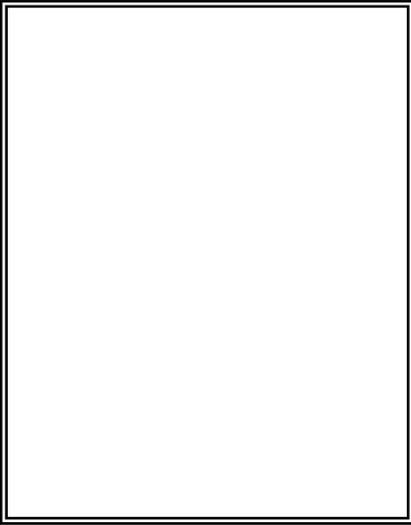
⁹ "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰ "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

¹² The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Job 1:20-22

²⁰ At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." ²² In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.



There is always greater **PURPOSE** in everything God orchestrates or allows.

Job 2:7-8

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. ⁸ Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

Job 2:9-10

⁹ His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!"

¹⁰ He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Job 40:2-5

The Lord said to Job:

² "Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him?

Let him who accuses God answer him!"

³ Then Job answered the Lord:

⁴ "I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth.

⁵ I spoke once, but I have no answer—twice, but I will say no more."

Job 42:3,5-6

³ "...Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

⁴ "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.'

⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

⁶ Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

**When we submit to God in our circumstance,
we can more readily **SEE** Him.**

SO WHAT?

Peace is found in our **WHO** not our **WHAT**.

Romans 8:35-39 (NIV)

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

*“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NOTES:

2 Timothy 1:9 [NLT]

⁹ For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

:: Share one thing God has been teaching/re-teaching you through the “Not So Average Joes” series.

:: Pastor Shawn said, “Faith is based in trust not circumstance.”

:: What are some practical implications of that truth?

:: What do you find most comforting or challenging about that reality?

:: What are ways we do/don't demonstrate trust in circumstances?

:: Revisit/Review Job's journey.

:: What do you find most comforting or disconcerting about his life? Why?

:: How did God respond to Job's choices?

:: In what ways has your journey been like, or unlike, Job's journey?

:: What does that reveal about your level of trust in God?

:: Identify ONE thing you can do this week to live a “not so average” life in Jesus.

:: Identify & invite at least one person to pray for you & hold you accountable to do that.

Friends -

Thank you for the prayers and support you have generously given in response to the flooding at our BridgePointe 485 facility. After reinforcing our existing mitigation and coordinating with local officials to prepare adjoining properties, we were prepared for additional unprecedented challenges like we experienced in the previous crest; but in the end, we encountered nominal water and no significant issues during the most recent crest.

Thanks to all of you who participated in our “2nd Rally Day” clean up opportunity [June 15th] at BridgePointe. We accomplished a lot with your help. We're truly thankful for all of the prayers, support and investment in our recovery journey; and as we continue to move forward, we are grateful for you and for God's continued favor in working all this journey for good.



Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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