<u>**Pastor's Weekly Devotional**</u>**- October 9, 2014**

"*How To Trust When You Are Troubled*"

Life is full of seasons. "A time to laugh…to cry…to sow…to reap" and the list goes on. In this devotional, I want to address those who are going through difficult times. Often times, situations with no human answers form the basis upon which God does some of His best work.

This is illustrated beautifully in the life of Job. He is a living example of unsolvable problems. Job's biography includes a clipboard full of questions about suffering. Is God fair? Is this situation just? What is there to learn from his suffering?

Job endured loss like few have ever known. His home…destroyed. His family…perished. His health…ruined. His finances…wiped out. His friends…questioned his godly reputation.

In the long process of working through his questions and struggles, Job finally resolved to trust God – no matter what. He told his wife: "I accept what God has sent. I have accepted good, now I accept adversity." There are <u>three</u> <u>reasons</u> why <u>Job</u> responded like that:

First, *<u>He recognized the sovereignty of God</u>*. He saw more than God's actions. He saw God's heart.

Second, *<u>Job looked ahead and was reminded of God's instruction</u>*. Job knew that in the end, God would make all things right.

Lastly, *<u>Job looked within and was shaped by God's instruction</u>*. He saw that God had instructed him in his suffering and illness.

So, if your days have been difficult and nights have been like a tunnel, dark and long, find your comfort in God's sovereign control and everlasting love.

Your Savior knows your breaking point. The bruising and crushing and melting you are enduring are designed to reshape you, not ruin you. Your strength and courage increase the longer the Lord lingers over you. Remembering Job's outlook can make all the difference in times of trouble and sickness. Have faith in a God who is in control of all things, at all times and is never surprised by anything!

See you in church Sunday!

Have a blessed week!
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