**Job 2- Suffering and Meaning**

***“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.”* Job 1:21**

***“Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. 5 But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” 6 And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.” 7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.* Job 2:4-7**

***8 And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.* Job 2:8**

***“Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.”* Job 2:9**

***Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.* Job 2:10**

**Adam and Eve’s disobedience separated them and all mankind from the good and perfect world that God made for his people. Because of their sin, all people are born into a world of suffering.**

**Suffering focuses on the emotional impact of hurt while pain focuses on the physical experience.**

***Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28***

**Through an ongoing spiritual dialogue with God we train ourselves to respond to life in Godly ways when the difficult time come to meet us.**

**When life gets difficult, instead of asking “How can I get out of this?” maybe we should ask, “What can I get out of this?”**

**God allowed Jesus to suffer temporarily so that we could escape the curse of eternal suffering.**

***For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.* Hebrews 12:11**

**If Job had cursed God no one would have blamed him, and God would have forgiven him, but we wouldn’t be talking about him.**