
Progress, Not Perfection
"Addition By Subtraction"
The Book Of Job

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Introduction: We are two weeks into a study where we are focusing on growth.

1. Life has a way of introducing need to grow moments into our lives.
2. Last week we focused on learning/growing from our mistakes.
3. This morning we'll focus on those times when we experience loss. Sooner or later we all experience loss.
 - We've Lost Loved Ones
 - We've Lost Close Friends
 - We've Lost Jobs/Careers
 - We've Lost Our Health
 - We've Lost Independence
 - We've Lost Dreams
4. When we have a season of loss, we are at a crossroads.
5. How we respond will determine our future, possibly for the rest of our lives.
6. As we experience loss, there will be the normal emotional reactions: shock, panic, denial, anger, being disillusioned, depression.
7. Eventually we will come to a resolution that will dominate our future.
8. We have met people who were crushed by loss. They've given up, lost hope & resigned themselves to a miserable fate.
9. Often their lives are characterized by lifelong depression, resentment, bitterness, substance abuse, self-destructive & reckless behaviors.
10. When God allows us to experience loss, He is not out to crush us. He wants to use this season to grow us.
11. This morning we will focus on Job to see how we can grow in those seasons of loss we all face.

- I. Job: A Listing Of Loss
 - A. Origins: What He Had
 - B. Content: What He Lost
 - C. Sequence: How It Happened
- II. Job: The Lessons Of Loss
 - A. Check Your Perspective
 - B. Adjust Your Priorities
 - C. Accept God's Sovereignty
 - D. Remember Present Loss Can Yield Future Gain

Conclusion: Job is a great example for us.

1. He didn't suffer perfectly.
2. Despite all his losses, in the end he was better.
3. Loss is inevitable.
4. When it comes our way, it's an opportunity to grow.
5. If we check our perspective, adjust our priorities, accept God's sovereignty, and remember loss can become gain, we can & will grow.