

## Surviving Suffering Pt. 2

1. To survive suffering find \_\_\_\_\_, rest, and \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_ love.

### **Job 1:6-12 (NIV)**

One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "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. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

### **Satan questions the theology of unconditional love.**

2. Satan \_\_\_\_\_ Job of loving and \_\_\_\_\_ God only by what he can \_\_\_\_\_ from Him.
3. Satan inadvertently accuses \_\_\_\_\_ that He can't even get \_\_\_\_\_ from people unless He \_\_\_\_\_ them.

### **Job's friends thwart the theology of unconditional love.**

4. Job's \_\_\_\_\_ Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, tell Job to get his business \_\_\_\_\_ with God and he will \_\_\_\_\_ suffering.

### **Eliphaz - Job 4:7-8 (NIV)**

"Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed? As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.

**Bildad** - **Job 8:6 (NIV)** if you are pure and upright, even now he will rouse himself on your behalf and restore you to your rightful place.

**Zophar** - **Job 11:13-15 (NIV)** if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, then you will lift up your face without shame; you will stand firm and without fear.

**God** - **Job 42:7 (NIV)** After the LORD had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right.....

### **Job's life proclaims the theology of unconditional love.**

5. Job did not \_\_\_\_\_ God for what he could \_\_\_\_\_ from Him, but for God \_\_\_\_\_.

**Job 1:21 (NIV)** The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."

**Job 13:15 (NIV)** Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.

**Job 19:25-27 (NIV)** I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes--I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

**Job 42:5 (NIV)** My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

### **Unconditional love is the foundational source of surviving suffering.**

6. In your suffering never forget that you are not in a \_\_\_\_\_ with God, you are in a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

7. In your suffering God's unconditional love for you is \_\_\_\_\_; don't \_\_\_\_\_ Him away.

8. Job's unconditional love for God is what got him \_\_\_\_\_ suffering. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ as well.