

SERMON NOTES

20th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23, Year B * October 10, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 * Psalm 22:1-15 * Hebrews 4:12-16 * Mark 10:17-31

Feelings Lie: Job, Part 2 of 4

Job is “blameless and upright;” he “fears God and shuns evil” [Job 1:1](#)

☠ “The thief comes to rob, kill, and destroy.” [John 10:10](#)

☠ Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. [1 Peter 5:8](#)

Job says: “If only I knew where to find you, I’d make my case and prove I don’t deserve this. I’d ask, ‘God, what have I done to deserve this?’ and ‘Why are you doing this to me?’ But where are you? Why can’t you hear me? Why won’t you answer? ... My heart is faint with fear and darkness is closing in around me.” [Job 23:3-9, 16-17](#)

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And are so far from me? I cry out to you, but you don’t answer.” [Psalm 22:1-2](#)

Feelings L_____.

What is truth?

The Word of God is alive and active and sharper than any two-edged sword. [Hebrews 4:12](#)

When we feel....

✦ The Lord is my Shepherd... [Psalm 23:1](#)

✦ God so loved the world that he gave ... [John 3:16](#)

✦ If we confess our sins to God, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9](#)

Coming Attractions:

October 17 -- ...**But God ALLOWED It: Job, Part 3**

October 24 – **He’s God, and I’m Not: Job, Part 4**

NEXT WEEK’S LESSONS

Isaiah 53:4-12 * Psalm 91 * Hebrews 5:1-10 * Mark 10:35-45

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. Tell about a strong feeling you had this past week. What prompted those feelings? How did it turn out? And how do you feel about that event or situation now?
2. Tell about a time your feelings lied to you: when you FELT like something was true, but it wasn’t. How did you discover the truth?
3. What’s a passage or story from the Bible that helps you cope with difficulty?
4. What’s a difficulty you’re facing now? How would you like God to help?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for being with you, even when you feel alone.
 - ✦ Thanking God for those parts of the Bible that help you get through life.
 - ✦ For God to do what you described in #4 above.