

SERMON NOTES

21st Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24, Year B * October 17, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

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

...But God ALLOWED It: Job, Part 3

Job, whom God calls "blameless and upright."

satan = "enemy" who "comes to rob, kill, and destroy" John 10:10

...but God A_____ it. Why?

Like Job, most of the time we'll never K_____.

Some is human E_____.

Why doesn't God fix it?

Sometimes God allows it, because he T_____ us.

God never asks us to do anything he hasn't already done.

Surely, he [Jesus] took up our pain and bore our suffering...he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:4-5

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered.

Hebrews 5:7-8

Jesus prayed. God heard him and answered: "Not yet."

The important question is NOT "Why?" But "What am I going to do?"

Next Week's Topic: He's God, and I'm Not: Job, part 4 * The Lessons:

Job 38:1-7; 42:1-6, 10-17 * Psalm 34 * Hebrews 7:23-28 *

Mark 10:46-52

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

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

1. Tell about an unpleasant episode in your life that was caused by an accident or bad luck.
2. Tell about an unpleasant episode in your life that was caused by someone else's bad behavior or foolishness.
3. Tell about an unpleasant episode in your life that taught you a valuable lesson, and how you are stronger or smarter because of it.
4. What is an unpleasant aspect of your life right now? How are you coping with it? How is God helping you through it? Or not?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for what you learned through the difficulty you described in #3 above.
 - ✦ For grace to endure what you described in #4 above, and for eyes and ears to see and hear God walking with you through it.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.