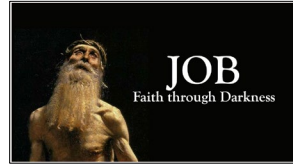


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Job 2:1–3:1

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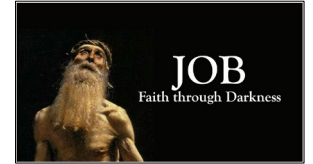


NOTES

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Job 2–3

Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- What is your favorite fictional courtroom drama?
- *Read Job 2:1–10.* In what ways are this scene and events both similar and different from Job 1:6–22?
- How do you interpret the emotions and intent behind Job's wife's question and advice? If Job does as his wife suggests, what will that reveal about Job, about the satan, and about God?
- As Job responds with his own question rather than a declaration (2:10; cf. 1:21), how certain or solid do you believe his faith in God to be? How does he hold God responsible?
- *Read Job 2:11–13.* What stands out to you about the response of Job's friends? What is commendable and worth imitating when our own friends suffer?
- *Read Job 3:1–26.* What has changed about Job's response to his many losses? What types of questions is he asking now?
- How is Job's faith and trust in God still revealed in his lament?
- Do you believe it is acceptable to doubt or question God? Why or why not? How has doubt been a part of your own faith story?
- How can we express to God our despair while not rejecting our faith in God? About what might you despair today, and how will you do that well?
- With whom can you sit during times of trial, and who will sit with you? How can your small group or others support and pray for one another this week?