

Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

Suffering can deepen our faith.

Bible portion:

Job 42:05-06

Focus:

Preparation: Job: Suffering
can deepen our faith.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Luke 15-16



Have you Read your
Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

**"I tell you, there will
be more joy in heaven
over one sinner who
repents than over
ninety-nine righteous
persons who need no
repentance."**

Luke 15:07 (ESV)

Quote

**"God whispers to us
in our pleasures...
but shouts in our
pain."**

- C. S. Lewis

Scripture Reflection

*"I had heard of You by
the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees
You; therefore I despise
myself and repent in
dust and ashes."*

(Job 42:05–06)

Meditation

The journey of Lent reminds us that God's saving plan often unfolds through suffering before it leads to glory. From the beginning of creation, God intended humanity to live in close fellowship with Him. Yet the brokenness of the world brought pain, loss, and struggle.

The story of Job reveals that suffering does not mean God has abandoned us. Job lost his wealth, health, and family, yet through his deep pain he encountered God in a way he had never experienced before. At the

end of his trial, Job confessed that previously he had only heard about God, but now he truly saw Him. His suffering became the pathway to a deeper relationship with the Lord.

Lent points us to the ultimate example of this truth in the Cross of Jesus Christ. What seemed like defeat and unbearable suffering became the very means of salvation for the world. Through the Cross came the victory of the Resurrection.

Like Job, our trials can move our faith from second-hand knowledge to personal encounter. Suffering may strip away our illusions of control and lead us to trust God more deeply. In those moments, we discover that God is not distant—He is present, shaping our faith and drawing us closer to Him.

Lenten Practice

Take a few moments today to reflect on a difficult season in your life. Ask God to show you how He was present during that time and how it shaped your faith. Write a short prayer of trust, surrendering your struggles to Him.



Prayer

Lord, when we face suffering, help me to trust that You are working in my life. Deepen my faith through every trial and draw me closer to You. May we see Your presence even in difficult moments, remembering that the Cross always leads to Resurrection. Amen.



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Prayer Point



Pray for an end to global terrorism.