

Podcast Worksheet
Job: Struggling with God's Character

Scriptural Texts:

Job 1:1-3, 9-12, 20-22; 27:2-6; 29:14-25; 42:2-6, 12; Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 11:33-34

Main Points:

1. When it comes to God's will for us, we tend to see what we want to see and ignore the challenging parts.
2. God is always working on a larger scale than we can see or imagine.
3. Pillar #1: God has a plan, a good one for our life, but it is probably different from our own plans.
4. Pillar #2: We do not have the capacity to understand everything about God and why he works the way he does.
5. It is not our comfort that drives us to God; it is our need!
6. Pillar #3: God's works in every person's life to bring redemption, growth, and change, a process that is difficult and often involves adversity.
7. Having an attitude of entitlement is pride, a sinful view of God's role.
8. When we lose sight of our dependence upon God for mercy, we are standing in God's place.
9. God does not expect us to understand everything, but he does expect us to trust him.
10. Satan cannot and never will usurp the power and authority of God.
11. Pillar #4: If we will submit to God's purpose and plan for our life, he will accomplish a good and necessary work.
12. An essential part of our success with God is accepting the truth that we will not always understand why he does what he does.
13. Even in the most difficult circumstances, God is still sovereign, powerful, and wise, and at the same time, loving and intimately involved in our life.

Questions:

1. What circumstances have led you to judge God's character as less than good?

2. Read Romans 11:33-34. How might this apply to your response in question #1?

3. Why is adversity often a better teacher than comfort?

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, I will confess that I have judged your character as less than good when hard things have happened to me. Forgive me. Help me to understand and accept your true character, and to always trust you. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____
