

## **Glorifying God in our Suffering**

### **A) Job Act I: Publicly glorifying God (Job 1:1, 3)**

### **B) Job Act II: Privately glorifying God**

- God allows us to be tested to give us an opportunity to privately glorify Him before the Devil, demons, and Angels who are all watching us. (1 Cor 4:9 NIV)
- How did Job glorify God in his suffering? He demonstrated his unconditional love for God.
- Those times in your life when you suffer, but still love God, are the most important moments of your life.

### **C) Job Act III: Restoration! (Job 42: 10, 12, 16 NLT)**

- In the new and perfect world, we will never suffer or be tested again.

### **D) Grasping the purpose of our suffering 2 Cor 4**

**God is faithful; he will not let you be tested [peirasmos] beyond what you can bear. (1 Cor 10:13).**

- The glory that we and God get from our suffering is so valuable that it makes the pain in our suffering worth it!
- Your ultimate purpose in life is to glorify God by what you voluntarily sacrifice for God, and involuntarily suffer for God.

### **Discussion ?'s**

- 1) What was most meaningful to you about Sunday's message?
- 2) When have you suffered the most? How did you respond?
- 3) How do you want to respond to suffering in the future?
- 4) Read 2 Corinthians 4:17. On a percentage scale from 1-100, how much of your heart and mind is convinced of this truth?
- 5) Think of something that is causing you concern or pain in your life. Take a moment now and praise God for all of His blessings in your life, even in the midst of your difficulty. Glorify God in your suffering!