

Unstuck: *growing through grief*

Good Grief

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Job 1:13-22

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Introduction: The past is not the past if it's still influencing your present. We know that life moves on, but sometimes we just can't move with it. We're stuck. Stuck in the familiar. Stuck in sadness. Stuck in bitterness. Because we've lost something important to us or fear losing something important to us. But with Jesus loss turns into gain, and what's stuck sooner or later gets unstuck.

Prayer: Father, we ask that this text will acquaint us with the deep grief of Job. Amen.

Review: What did you learn about the importance of beauty from the summer series?

Read: Job 1:13-22

Discussion:

1. Why did Job's first losses by Satan include everything he had but not his own body?
2. What was the most important loss to Job? How do you know this?
3. What was Job's first response to his losses? Followed by what action? What is your first response to unexpected, sudden tragic loss?
4. How do you understand Job's statement that the "Lord has taken away"?
5. Is it a sin to charge God with wrongdoing? How can we avoid this under such circumstances that Job faced?

Application: This week, work on letting Jesus turn "good grief" into new life.

Prayer: Father, we are grateful that we are "in the grasp" of Jesus our savior in our grief. Amen