



Steadfast Endurance

JOB 1

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WARMING UP

1. Has the big thing you thought was coming, ever been a hard thing instead of a good thing? Briefly share about them.

DIGGING IN

If you're to steadfastly endure trials and setbacks ...

2. *Establish strong personal disciplines beforehand (v. 1-5).*
 - What practices do I have in my life that will help me if trouble comes?
 - "It is Job's faith that takes center stage, not his behavior." How are my practices an authentic expression of my heart's devotion?
 - In what ways do I need to change my focus concerning those practices?
3. *Recognize the unseen battle being waged (v. 6-7).*
 - What is my attitude about the reality of the spiritual world?
 - How does the knowledge there are unseen spiritual battles behind events in my life affecting my faith and confidence?
 - How does knowing the truth of Christ's victory, and the fact of my being united with Him by faith, help in facing the reality of spiritual warfare?
4. *Trust God for what he has ordained (v. 8-12).*
 - When have I asked, "Why did God allow this to happen?" Is it sinful to ask why, or to grieve?
 - What Scriptures indicate there is a "hedge" around me?
 - Does knowing something is caused by Satan or is just a result of living in a fallen world, make a difference to my response?
5. *Remain faithful no matter what (v. 13-22).*
 - *In worship*
Am I trying, in my own ways, to get out of a trial when I should trust God and remain under?
 - *In attitude*
What do people understand about God from how I talk about my struggles?
 - *In holiness*
Am I able to bless God in spite of my pain, my struggles, or even how I think He has treated others?

BREAKING OUT

6. Will my faith dictate what I believe about God, or will circumstances and trials dictate what I think about God? Where do I stand on this right now?
7. Talk about how important community is when "I can't catch my breath."