

**Today's Scripture Passage:** selected verses from Job

**Our Problem:** We allow the fear of uncontrollable circumstances to overshadow our faith in God.

## **Uncontrollable circumstances...**

- can leave us questioning our existence. Job 3:1,11,16,21
- can lead our friends to judge us. Job 5:17, 27
- weigh heavy on us. Job 6:2-3
- deplete our strength. Job 6:11-13
- can keep us up at night. Job 7:4
- can make us feel targeted. Job 7:20
- can lead us to feel like pleasing God doesn't matter. Job 34:9
- seem to come one after another. Job 10:17

Fear is wrapped up in each of the above. Job says, "What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me." Job 2:25

## **Questions for Reflection**

- Are you being honest with God about the fear & uncontrollable circumstances in your life right now?
- Do you trust that Jesus, your advocate, will do what is in your best interest? Can you see how He is using this time of testing to purify you like gold?
- Is your hope in circumstances or in God? Are you willing to wait on God to bring you renewal...to bring something good out of your uncontrollable circumstances?

- Talk to God (Job 7:11, 10:1)

- Trust Your Advocate (Job 9:33-35, 16:19-21, 23:10)

- Hope in God, not circumstances (Job 13:15, 14:14-15, 19:25-27)