

Pink Community Group Outline
Then and Now...God Strengthens us
Week Six - Strength in Testing

Welcome:

What is something that you have that has sentimental value to you?

Worship:

Read **Isaiah 55:8-13**. Spend some time as a group praying as led in response to this passage of Scripture. Close by inviting Holy Spirit's guidance to your time together.

Word:

1. How is Job described at the beginning of his story? What kind of person was he? Why do you think that bad things happen to good people?
2. How do you think you would have felt if you were in Job's situation? What would you think about God?
3. Can you recall a time in your life where you felt tested? How did you feel about God during that season?

To Overcome – definition: to get the better of in a struggle or conflict; to conquer, defeat; to prevail over.

During our lesson, we talked about how the fall of man affected all of creation. We talked about the spiritual battles that we face today and how through the cross of Jesus, we have victory. We learned that although God may permit something to happen in our lives, He is not the one "striking us."

4. Read Romans **8:31-39**. What does this passage tell us about God's role in our times of trial? Who does this passage say that we are?
5. Read **Psalms 18:16-19**. Celebrate the strength of the mighty hand of God, who delivers us because He delights in us!

Works:

When we look at Job's well intended friends, we see that they sorely missed the mark in providing strength and comfort to Job. Keeping in mind the strength we find in knowing God, how should we respond to those hurting around us? Should we join the accuser in pointing out the error or their ways or should we lead them to Jesus? Think about those in your sphere of influence this week who may be struggling. How can you reach out to them in the compassion of Christ?

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Strength in Testing Homework: Week Six

*But those who trust in the LORD for help will find their strength renewed.
They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary;
they will walk and not grow weak.
Isaiah 40:31*

- ♥ *PRAY: Begin by praying. Ask God for understanding, wisdom, and insight.*
- ♥ *COMMIT: To the best of your ability, commit to praying and reading God's word daily. Whether it's throughout the day or during a set time.*
- ♥ *OPEN YOUR HEART & MIND: Give God permission to examine your heart and renew your mind.*
- ♥ *READ: Look over your notes from the teaching. Look up the Scriptures or any Bible stories that are referenced in your notes.*
 - A. Don't just read the Scriptures, but soak, saturate your heart, mind, and soul in them.*
 - B. Read them aloud, slowly, and in different translations.*
 - C. It's also good to define key words to gain a better understanding.*
 - D. Pick one Scripture to memorize throughout the week.*
- ♥ *JOURNAL:*
 - A. Can you relate to Job? How?*
 - B. Read chapter 42 of Job - How did God deal with Job's friends? When does it say that the Lord restored Job's fortunes? What does that say to you about forgiving and blessing those who have wronged you? Can you choose to trust God with the injustice of their actions? Tell Him.*
 - C. If you are in a season of struggle or suffering, how can the book of Job's life bring you comfort, peace, and strength?*
 - D. Do you need to ask God's forgiveness for blaming Him for past trials?*
 - E. Do you need to forgive God for allowing a trial in your life? (Remember that forgiveness is something we do for ourselves - not because God is in need of it.)*
- ♥ *LIVE:*
 - A. How will your life be different if you continually believe and experience the truth you learned from this passage?*
 - B. How will your choices affect people you care about? Be specific.*
 - C. Who can you share the love of Jesus with this week?*
- ♥ *PRAY: We cannot change without the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you make the above changes. Ask God to align your heart and actions with His word. Ask God to clothe you in His grace. (Remember we are not called to be perfect but to pursue Him with all of our heart! He loves you so much!)*