

The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #163: What's The Deal With Suffering?

February 15, 2025

*Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today*

February 15 & 16, 2025

Lay Me Down

Welcome

Blessed Be Your Name

See a Victory

Lord's Supper Thought

It Is Well

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#162 - What's the Deal with Suffering? - Pastor Ed



Good Stuff To Know

Riverside Services Online- If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering- We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to www.EagleRiverside.com, click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

FAQs - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



First Time Visitors

The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place. You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us. "Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online. www.EagleRiverside.com

This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Bible Study Wednesday
- ➔ NO Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Thrive retreat - arrive Friday at 5pm

Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Riverside Happenings

Parents Night Out - Friday, February 28th, from 6-8pm, Alive will host a parent's night out. Drop your kids off at the church and enjoy a night out. All donations will go towards the church's new roof fund. See Cassie for details.

Bible Study - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid-week with Jesus! All are welcome.

Community Group - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family! Contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, March 8th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Riverside Potluck - March 9th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

Baptism - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism



Write to our missionaries - Contact Abby at 415-225-2161.

Riverside App - Did you know Riverside has its own app? Download here.



Service Project Sponsor the teens' retreat. There's more info in the lobby. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

Thrive Retreat - Coming February 21-23. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, February 24th, 6:00 - 7:30

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Cassie.



Thursday, February 27th, 6:00 - 8:00

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

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HOW TO
DEAL WITH
SUFFERING

There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. He had seven sons and three daughters... He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area.

—Job 1:1-3 (NLT)

What Does Job Teach Us?

1. That God Cares.

- *Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? No one else on earth is like him. He is an honest and innocent man, honoring God and staying away from evil.”*

—Job 1:8-10 (NCV)

2. God Is In Control.

- *But Satan answered the Lord, “Job honors God for a good reason. You have put a wall around him, his family, and everything he owns. You have blessed the things he has done... But reach out your hand and destroy everything he has, and he will curse you to your face.”*

—Job 1:8-10 (NCV)

- *“All right, you may test him,” the Lord said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence.*

—Job 1:12 (NLT)

3. So Something Else Is Going On.

- *Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” In all this Job did not sin or charge God with*

wrong.

—Job 1:20-22 (ESV)

- *Then the Lord asked Satan, “Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He honors God and stays away from evil. And he has maintained his integrity, even though you urged me to harm him without cause.”*

—Job 2:3 (NLT)

- *“All right, do with him as you please,” the Lord said to Satan. “But spare his life.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence, and he struck Job with terrible boils from head to foot.*

—Job 2:6-7 (NLT)

4. Friends Can Be A Real Blessing.

- *When they saw Job from a distance, they scarcely recognized him. Wailing loudly, they tore their robes and threw dust into the air over their heads to show their grief. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.*

—Job 2:11-13 (NLT)

5. God Isn’t Afraid Of My Emotions.

- *After seven days Job cried out and cursed the day he had been born, saying: “Let the day I was born be destroyed... Let that day turn to darkness... Let those who curse days curse that day.*

—Job 3:2-4 (NCV)

6. Friends Can Be A Mixed Blessing.

- *“Stop and think! Do the innocent die? When have the upright been destroyed? My experience shows that those who plant trouble and cultivate evil will harvest the same. A breath from God destroys*

them. They vanish in a blast of his anger.

—Job 4:7-9 (NLT)

- *Is it because you're so pious that he accuses you and brings judgment against you? No, it's because of your wickedness! There's no limit to your sins.*

—Job 22:4-5 (NLT)

- *I have heard all this before. What miserable comforters you are! Won't you ever stop blowing hot air? What makes you keep on talking?*

—Job 16:2-3 (NLT)

7. God Isn't Afraid Of My Questions.

- *I cry to you, O God, but you don't answer. I stand before you, but you don't even look. You have become cruel toward me. You use your power to persecute me. You throw me into the whirlwind and destroy me in the storm. And I know you are sending me to my death— the destination of all who live.*

—Job 30:20-23 (NLT)

- *Even now my witness is in heaven. My advocate is there on high. My friends scorn me, but I pour out my tears to God. I need someone to mediate between God and me.*

—Job 16:19-21 (NLT)

- *"But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! I will see him for myself. Yes, I will see him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!*

—Job 19:25-27 (NLT)

8. God Really Does Care.

- *Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind: "Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself like a man,*

because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

—Job 38:1-7 (NLT)

- *Who waters the land where no one lives, the desert that has no one in it? Who sends rain to satisfy the empty land so the grass begins to grow?*

—Job 38:26-27 (NCV)

- *Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know... My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.*

—Job 42:3-5 (NIV)

9. My Response Matters.

- *I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has.*

—Job 42:7 (NLT)

- *So the LORD blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning... He named his first daughter Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch... And their father put them into his will along with their brothers.*

—Job 42:12-15 (NLT)

Follow Through Step:

Be Like Job. Don't. Let. Go. Engage. Engage. Engage.