

**1. Job’s extreme suffering**

- a) What extreme suffering did Job endure? Job 1:13-19
- b) Did the LORD bring this extreme suffering upon Job or was it someone else? Job 1:6-12
- c) What additional suffering was Job asked to endure? Job 2:1-9
- d) How did Job respond to these times of extreme suffering? Job 1:20-22, 2:10b
- e) Why did the LORD permit such extreme suffering for his blameless servant Job?
- f) What important lesson can we learn from Job’s experience for our lives today?

**2. Abraham’s extreme suffering**

- a) Abram, later renamed Abraham, faced many trials in his life. What would you consider his time of greatest suffering? Genesis 22:1-2
- b) Genesis 22:3-8 What is your reaction to Abraham’s response to the command of the LORD?
- c) Genesis 22:9-10 How would you describe Abraham’s emotional and mental condition during his journey to Mount Moriah?
- d) How did the LORD show His unfailing love to Abraham during this extreme test? Genesis 22:11-14
- e) What was God’s purpose in asking Abraham to endure such extreme suffering?

**3. Hosea’s extreme suffering**

- a) What extreme suffering was the prophet Hosea asked to endure? Hosea 1:2-3
- b) What great trials did Hosea face during his marriage to Gomer?
- c) Why would the LORD ask His prophet to endure such extreme suffering?
- d) How did the conduct of Hosea reflect the immeasurable, unfailing love of God? Hosea 3:1-3

**4. Paul’s extreme suffering**

- a) What testimony did Paul give to Christians in Corinth regarding his times of extreme suffering? 2 Corinthians 1:8
- b) What experiences come to mind from Paul’s missionary journeys that were times of extreme suffering? Acts 14:19, 16:22-24, etc.
- c) How does Paul explain God’s purpose in allowing him to pass through such times of extreme suffering? 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, 9-10, 12:7-10

**5. Your experience with extreme suffering**

- a) Share your own time of extreme suffering and what God accomplished for you through that experience.
- b) Reflect on the promise of the LORD in Isaiah 43:1-7.

