

## In My Life This Week

*(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)*

**Monday.** Job struggled in his tough times, as we all do. When we scan his words in chapters 4-26 we see irritation, anger, determination, defiance, despair and hope. He had the same conflicting, up and down feelings we do. Read chapter 19 and (1) identify Job's different feelings and, (2) identify with Job.

**Tuesday.** Job was critical of his friends. On Sunday we saw two areas of his struggles with them: their advice (which was off-target) and their comfort (which was AWOL). Read some of the verses listed. Despite themselves, his friend did play a roll in Job moving ahead. He did not give up, nor was he sidetracked, but moved on toward God. What lessons does this teach you?

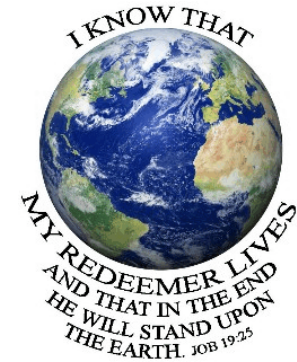
**Wednesday.** Job's friends hurt him with their attitude and words. However, his biggest struggle was not with them, but with God. Review how he thought God was treating him. How accurate was he? What was he not seeing clearly? Even though we have the completed Bible, we don't see everything clearly either. Why do you think Job was so convinced his suffering was not fair?

**Thursday.** Job's deepest longing—greater than for relief from the attacks, pain, the grief from all his losses and the wish to die—was to be close to God. Is that your deepest desire today? Battered and broken, Job held on to his hope in God (check the verses on the outline). It wasn't a straight-line progression. It was an up and down and zig-zag path, like ours. He held on to true hope, as we can and must in our tough times.

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to look at Job summing up his case (chapters 27-31). Walk through these chapters as you prepare for Sunday.

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## Worship In Proclamation



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“Yes, I Know My Redeemer Lives!”

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Job 6 - 26

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Theme: **When Times Are Tough, Keep Holding On To God.**

**Job’s Tough Ongoing Struggle With His Friends.**

1. Their advice was off-target.  
(6:25; 12:1-2; 13:12; 16:2-4; 17:10, 21:27-34; 26:1-4)

2. Their comfort was AWOL.  
(6:14-23, 27-30; 13:4; 16:2; 19:2-3; 21:34)

**Job’s Tough Ongoing Struggle With God.**

1. His view of how God was treating him.  
(6:1-13; 7:11-21; 9:17-18; 10:8; 13:24-28; 14:19; 16:7-14; 19:6-13, 22; 23:8-10)

2. His mission to defend himself before God.  
(9:2-4, 14-16, 32-33; 13:3, 15, 22-23; 16:17-21; 23:1-7)

3. His passion to be faithful and close to God.  
(6:10; 13:20-21; 16:21; 23:8-12)

4. His hold on true hope in God.  
(13:15; 16:18-19; 19:25-27)

*(Turn over for “In My Life This Week”)*